

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



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

SUNDAY, 16TH AUGUST 2026

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

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15.29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. When out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said, 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel'. But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said, 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs'. She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table'. Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Isaiah 22:19-23

Psalms: 137:1-3, 6, 8

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

PLEASE TAKE BULLETIN HOME TO READ

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THE PARISH WEEK AHEAD

Monday 17th August

9.00am No Mass

Tuesday 18th August

9.00am Mass

Wednesday 19th August

9.00am Mass

Thursday 20th August

9.00am Mass

9.30am-10.30am Adoration

Friday 21st August

9.00am Mass

Saturday 22nd August

4.45-5.45 Confirmation Lessons (m1)

5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 23rd August

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am Mass (Morning Tea)

10.00am Mass (Morning Tea)

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Keith and Colleen Morgan will offer their Laying on of Hands service at the end of the Vigil Mass on Saturday 29th August this month, instead of the 4th Saturday of the Month. Anyone requiring their services prior to this date are requested to call Keith on 0408 134 935.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

If you would like to receive a gluten free host, please contact the office staff.

WESTPAC ACCOUNT CLOSURE

The parish banking has been transferred to NAB. Please update your details below.

PARISH BANKING DETAILS

1st Collection Account

Bank: NAB BSB: 086-006

Account Number: 331 331 103

2nd Collection Account

Bank: NAB BSB: 086-006

Account Number: 839 893 940

For further information refer to the noticeboard in the church foyer.



SEASON OF CREATION

LIVING WATER Immersion in Living Water

Ezekiel 47:9, 12

SEASON OF CREATION:

September 1st to October the 4th

A time to celebrate the beauty of God's Creation and how we can care for our common home. Our parish community is invited to participate in upcoming events with the support our Laudato Si ministry. For more information on how to participate during this season, please see the noticeboard in the foyer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON TAI CHI:

Due to the strong interest in our Sunday morning Tai Chi program, we are pleased to launch a second Tai Chi class on Saturdays at 4 pm, commencing 15th August 2026.

This free class focuses on improving mobility, balance, and overall wellbeing, while also providing an opportunity for quiet reflection and fellowship. Please add your name to the registration list in the foyer. Led by our own Kuatrinnus Jay Wijaya, this is a wonderful way to care for both body and spirit in a welcoming parish community. All are welcome. Come and move, renew, and grow in wellbeing together.

HOLY FAMILY CARE

To be involved or seeking more information about this outreach ministry or know anyone who may need some care, please contact Rose on 0451 191 944 or the office staff.

COUNTING MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our counting ministry is seeking volunteers who can spare an hour every fortnight to join a team of counters. Volunteers are needed on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings after mass to count and bank the weekend cash collections. Full training will be provided. If you are interested in serving in this important parish ministry, please contact Alan at finance.como@perthcatholic.org.au

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, 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, Canada family, Sarah, Molly, Fred, Patrick, Louise, Chris, Aria, David Rowe, Andrew Hammond, Aura Diego, Familia Becerra, Famia Cerinca, Annemarie, Jessie Amphlett, Barbara Kenny, Margaret Abbott, Serafini Family, Cain Family, Regina & Linda, Beverley Loraine, Fr Carroll, Maria O'Connor, Chris Lowry, Aldrin Ong, Adrian Ong, Troisi family, Jean, Antonette & George, Declan & Family, John Joyce, Richard Newman, Kelley H, Mark, Eduardo & Mario Gomez, Tom Core, Abin Davis, Aurelius Daniel, Anderson family, Vicki Sheppard, Cedric DeSouza, Lisa, Vincent Scanlan, Sanderson family, Anna Alfonso, Steve Ford, Samantha Wylie, Vanessa Moore, Troy Skopelitis, Eliora Wijaya, Sophie and James, Toczyłowski family, Jem, Carivan, Mary The, Marie and Shien Caguiat, Jasmin Cerillo, Michelle, Mason family, T Briggs, Liz Mulcahy, Lynne Klomp, Rena Widita, Stonowski family, Tan Ay Lian, Nancy Yeow, Pam O'Connell, Beatrice & Nora Johnson, Jono, Darren, Michael R, Mitch Leonardo, Maria Ho, Shauna Jem, April Latoja

(RCIA) FAITH JOURNEY

Thinking of Becoming Catholic? Our Catholic community welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to come and listen to the story of Jesus. For more information, contact Geraldine Taylor on 0408 093 434

SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT STATEMENT

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all its members, leaders, and especially its children and adults at risk. The care, safety and welfare of children and adults is a collective responsibility, embedded in robust policies and practices of the Archdiocese which reflect its zero tolerance to abuse.

Today's Gospel recounts the encounter of Jesus with a Canaanite woman outside the territory of Israel. She asks him to liberate her daughter, who is tormented by a demon. But the Lord pays no attention to her. She insists, and the disciples advise Jesus to acknowledge her so she would stop. Jesus, however, explains that his mission is directed to the children of Israel, using this image: "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs".

And the courageous woman responds, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table". Then, Jesus says to her, "'O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.' And her daughter was healed instantly" This is a beautiful story. And this happened to Jesus.

We see that Jesus changed his attitude. What made him change it was the strength of the woman's faith. So, let us pause briefly over these two aspects: the change in Jesus and the woman's faith.

The change in Jesus. He was directing his preaching to the chosen people. But what happens here, we could say, is an anticipation through which God's work is already manifested in the episode of the Canaanite woman. On hearing the woman's prayer, "he anticipates the plan"; faced with her concrete case, he becomes even more sympathetic and compassionate. This is what God is like: he is love, and the one who loves does not remain rigid.

Love is creative. And we Christians who want to imitate Christ, we are invited to be open to change. How good it would do our relationships, as well as our lives of faith, if we were to be docile, to truly pay attention, to soften up in the name of compassion and the good of others. Hearts docile to change.

Now let us look at the woman's faith, which the Lord praises, saying that it is "great". According to the disciples, the only thing that seemed "great" was her insistence; but Jesus sees her faith.

What does her faith consist of then? She does not have a wealth of concepts but of deeds – the Canaanite woman draws near, prostrates herself, insists, takes part in a frank dialogue with Jesus, overcomes every obstacle just to speak with him. This is the concreteness of faith, which is not a religious label but is a personal relationship with the Lord. How many times we fall into the temptation to confuse faith with a label! This woman's faith is not fraught with theological gallantry, but with insistence. Her faith is not made up of words, but of prayer. And God does not resist when he is prayed to.

Brothers and sisters, in light of all this, we can ask ourselves a few questions. Am I capable of changing opinion? Do I know how to be understanding and do I know how to be compassionate, or do I remain rigid in my position? What is my faith like? Does it stop at concepts and words? Do I know how to dialogue with the Lord? Or am I content to recite beautiful formulas?

20-8-23 Angelus, St Peter's Square

ANNUAL MARRIAGE DAY MASS

Couples celebrating a significant marriage milestone, and their families, are warmly invited to attend. At St Mary's Cathedral on 29th August at 10.00am RSVP is essential

www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1593147

Register your significant anniversary (20, 25, 30, 40, 50+) to receive a certificate.

Registrations close Saturday 15 August.

The Mass will include a blessing for families, followed by light refreshments.

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING - COMMON GROUND FAITH EDUCATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Every Wednesday, 6pm to 8.30pm, Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary St, Highgate.

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 contact <https://www.cym.com.au/>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES - CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church. For details on how to apply online, please see the noticeboard in the foyer or visit the Archdiocese website www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime!

Join CYM as we journey to Seoul, South Korea for World Youth Day 2027 — a once in a lifetime opportunity to encounter faith, friendship, culture, and the global Church alongside millions of young people from around the world. Experience vibrant worship, inspiring speakers, unforgettable moments with pilgrims from every nation, and the excitement of discovering one of Asia's most dynamic cities.

Whether you're seeking deeper purpose, lifelong friendships, or an unforgettable travel experience, WYD Seoul 2027 with CYM will be a life-changing pilgrimage you'll never forget. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN

<https://forms.office.com/r/rygLHdBe5X>



Crumbs from the Table

Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." Matthew 15:28 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)



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GREAT	CRYING	DOGS	LOST	JESUS
DEMON	HELP	TABLE	ISRAEL	WOMAN
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Jesus was well known around Jerusalem and in Galilee, so sometimes he made trips to places outside Palestine, where the people did not know him. On one of these trips, Jesus met a Canaanite woman and was struck by the strength of her belief.

LET US PRAY

O God, make our faith in you as strong as that of the Canaanite woman because we believe in you and know that your word is true.

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COMMENTATOR / READER				
15 th /16 th August	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	C. Frank Giannini R. Carolyn Watson EMHC Jacques Farla	C. Alex Wu R. Lyn Hope-Hume EMHC Rose Hart	C. Marianne Taylor R. Pascale Tin EMHC Grace Toczyłowski
22 nd / 23 rd August	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	C. Imelda Loviyanti R. Michelle Teo EMHC Marie Tiley	C. Lynne Newton R. Jacintu Vu EMHC. Murray Rosenberg	C. Fiona Wee R. Jennifer Low EMHC Marek Toczyłowski
ACOLYTES				
15 th /16 th August	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dimitrio Sidi	Michael Taylor	Leo Burke
22 nd / 23 rd August	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dimitrio Sidi	Shajy Vadukoot	Tony Bray

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