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-12pm **Safeguarding Officers:** Mark Ferroa 0425454763 & Breda Pires 0422237261

3rd Sunday of Advent – Year A Sunday 11 December 2022

Come, Lord, with Your Holy Spirit and make of me the prophet and witness you designed and wanted me to be. Amen

The joy that comes from being rescued by Christ

Joy is the theme of the Third Sunday of Advent. As it says in the first reading, "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication to rescue you!" This is the reason for our joy. We have been ransomed from sin and its destruction; Jesus paid the price through his terrible sacrifice on the cross. This is why Jesus came to earth to be born as one of us: to rescue us from the horrors of an eternal separation from God and his love.

Compared to eternity, our current problems are little, very little indeed. Joy comes from realizing that, because of Jesus, no sins against us and no destructive forces can do us permanent harm. In fact, God will make good use of everything for our benefit! He defeats evil by making blessings come from it.

Even the worst of times become huge blessings if we let them unite us to Jesus. With Christ and in imitation of how he suffered for the sake of others, we offer to others what our hardships have taught us, and thus our sufferings become ministries. Our sorrows find valuable meaning, which produces a joy that gets multiplied beyond measure.

In Christ we are crowned with everlasting joy. We feel his joy and gladness because of the good that will come and is already starting. Sorrow and mourning will flee away as we rise above our pain to rejoice in the goodness of joining in the ministry of Christ. And we are lifted up by a faithful and compassionate God.
As the second reading points out, we must be patient while we wait for the Lord to convert our trials into triumphs. To maintain an attitude of joy, we must remain firm in our faith, not doubting that the Lord is concerned about us. And we must not complain, because complaints mean that we think we know better than God does about how our problems should be resolved and how long it should take.
Joy comes from rejoicing in the good news that God really does care and is of course working on our behalf to produce many wonderful blessings from our sufferings, just like Jesus says in the Gospel reading: "Blessed is the one who takes no offense in me."

Questions for Personal Reflection:
What are you unhappy about? Can you find joy in the trial? -- because God will make good come out of the suffering if you want to use it for the benefit of others. Talk to Jesus about that today. What is he telling you? What hug is he giving you?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:
Describe a time when you saw blessings come from your sufferings. If you could do it all over again, with the option of avoiding those particular troubles, would you? Why or why not?

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 December 2022

Monday 12th December
No Mass

Tuesday 13th December
9.00am Mass
Bethany prayer group

Wednesday 14th December
9.00am Mass
9.30am Craft Group – Meeting rm 1
7pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Thursday 15th December
9.00am Mass followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 16th December
7.00 pm Mass

Saturday 17th December
6.00pm Mass

Sunday 18th December
4th Sunday of Advent – Year A
8.30am Mass
10.00am Mass

Wedding Anniversaries December 2022

We congratulate the following parishioners celebrating their anniversaries this month:
Dorothy & Bill Chin,
David & Katherine Gan,
June & Malcolm Young,
Bob & Pascale Tin,
Dot & Greg Oliver,
Wendy & Leo Burke,
Michael & Stella Pang,
Alvin & Jacqueline Kang,
Roland & Cathy Ordonez,
Shehani Alles & K Don Dixon
Eleanor& Julius Fernandez,
Astrid & Coilles Ducarme,
Brian & Sheila Walker,
Jessica & Don Wall,
Marisa & Colin Kwok.
God bless you on your special day

Advent booklet

Heart of the Disciple –a 28 day reflection resource for Advent or anytime in the year – is now on sale for $8

Archdiocesan News

For any news about what is happening around the Archdiocese and for Employment within the Archdiocese, please see the Notice board in the foyer

Rosary

Special devotion rosary will be recited every 3rd Sunday of the month, before the 8.30 Mass Everyone is welcome to join.

SAVE THE DATE

2nd Rite of reconciliation 14th Dec 7pm
Holy Family Feast Date Lunch 8th Jan 2023 11am

Christmas Raffle is on sale now

$2 each
3 for $5
8 for $10
20 for $20

Prizes will be drawn on 18th Dec

Line draw is also available to win a bottle of Ned Australian Whisky (700ml)

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Wednesday 14th December 7pm
Christmas Eve-Children's Mass
Saturday 24th December 5pm
Midnight Mass
Sunday 25th December Midnight
Christmas Day Masses
Sunday 25th Dec 8.30am & 10am

SAVE THE DATE
HOLY FAMILY FEAST DAY

Sunday 8th January 2023 at 11am
Everyone is welcome to attend the Holy Family Feast Day Luncheon to celebrate our parish feast day.
Please bring a plate to share.

THANK YOU

A big Thank you to all the choirs who provided such beautiful music at our Christmas Carols evening last Saturday night and to all who helped out with the sausage sizzle.

Please refrain from sitting on the steps leading down into the church during Mass. This is a safety hazard in accordance With Council guidelines in case of an emergency. Please use the pews or spare seats provided. Thank you

Next Morning Tea

Morning Tea will be held on Sunday, 18th December after each Mass.
There will be No morning tea in January

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope"
Pope Benedict XVI

MASS OFFERING

Death anniversary of Cecil Cheng

Recent passing of Anne Power and Marie Lewis

Wellbeing of Kevin Molly, Nora Loo, Evan Penberthy and Joan Robbie

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, 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, Arthur, Ethan, Gwen & Eardley, Elizabeth and Kevin, Dorothy Healy, Michael & Nadia, Kate Bonner, Tom Core, Angela Hale, Wendy Burke, Fred & Catherine, Almonte Family, Caroline & Wayne Family, Armando Robles, Helen Abbott & family, David Barnes, Declan & Family, Peter Fernando, Jim Gatt, Bernadette

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
9 of 12 Safeguarding Messages:
Parents, create a 'safe word' for your family. When they are away from home, they can phone you, say the word, and you know you need to go and pick them up.
This message is placed at the request of the Safeguarding Office of the Perth Archdiocese.

3rd Sunday of Advent - Year A

FIRST READING *Isaiah 35:1-6, 10*

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, `Courage! Do not be afraid. Look your God is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened; the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, come and save us.

SECOND READING *James 5:7-10*

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer; how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, The spirit of the Lord is upon me. He sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia

GOSPEL *Matthew 11:2-11*

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, `Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, `Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor, and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: `What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom Scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

Next Sunday's Readings:

4th Sunday of Advent Year A

Isaiah 7:10-14
Ps 24:1-6
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

King Herod had John the Baptist put in prison. Now John knew that Jesus was the promised one sent by God, but some of his friends were still unsure. So, from behind his prison bars, John sent his followers to ask Jesus a very important question.

Let us Pray

God our father, as we look forward to Christmas, the excitement is growing. Just as the light from the Advent wreath grows brighter, we pray that the light if Jesus will grow brighter in out lives, too.

ROSTERS				
		Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
COMMENTATOR/READER				
10th /11th December	3rd Sunday of Advent	Dimitrio Sidi	Susannah Robinson	Amy Khoo
17th /18th December	4th Sunday of Advent	Saschelle Blake	Alex Wu	Geraldine Taylor
ACOLYTE				
10th /11th December	3rd Sunday of Advent	Peter Quinn	Bill Staude	Tony Bray
17th /18th December	4th Sunday of Advent	Vince Scanlan	Joni Wijaya	Leo Burke
ALTAR SERVER				
10th /11th December	3rd Sunday of Advent	Elisha Seow Hugh Morris	Leo Newman Dom Newman	K Don Shannel Samantha Teran-Carrasco
17th /18th December	4th Sunday of Advent	Nicolas Willey Dinuli Kariyakarawana	Palak Vadukoot Claudia Taylor-Beard	Shiori Ong Mary-Jane Yip
CHOIR				
10th /11th December	3rd Sunday of Advent	Sam Yeow (Organist)	Holy Family Choir	Burmese Choir
17th /18th December	4th Sunday of Advent	Annalise (Pianist)	Holy Family Choir	Sanctus Choir

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