

# Holy Family Parish Bulletin

## 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 **Baptisms and Marriage:** Email: [holyfamilycomocatholic@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilycomocatholic@gmail.com)

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## 5th Sunday in Lent - Year C



Sunday 7th April 2025

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 43: 16-21*

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R.** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

### SECOND READING

*Philippians 3: 8-14*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### GOSPEL

*John 8: 1-11*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin anymore.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### Passion Sunday

Luke 19:28-40 Psalm 21:8-9,17-20,23-24

Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 22:14-23:56



## PARISH DIARY

7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> April

### MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> April

9.00am No Mass

### TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> April

9.00am Mass

### WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> April

9.00am Mass

### THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> April

9.00am Mass

9.30am – 10.30am Adoration

### FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> April

9.00am Mass

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

### SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL

5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Mass

### SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Palm Sunday

8.30am Mass (Morning Tea)

10.00am Mass (Morning Tea)

#### EASTER MASSES

- \* **Stations of the Cross** – every Friday 7.00pm (During Lent)
- \* **Palm Sunday** – 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> April
- \* **Holy Thursday** – 17<sup>th</sup> April - 7pm  
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.30pm
- \* **Good Friday** – 18<sup>th</sup> April
  - Stations of the Cross 10.00am
  - Passion of the Lord 3.00pm
- \* **Easter Vigil** – 19<sup>th</sup> April 6pm
- \* **Easter Sunday** – 20<sup>th</sup> April  
8.30am / 10.00am

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**Drawn Palm Sunday**

#### NEW OFFICE HOURS

Office hours will now be  
Tuesday to Friday 9am – 12noon  
(Friday will be volunteers only)

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**1<sup>ST</sup> Collection Account** BSB 086 006  
A/C number 331331103  
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A/C number 790041  
Reference: Your Initial and Surname.



**PROJECT  
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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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#### 2<sup>ND</sup> RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Unfortunately, due to there being no last-minute priest availability, the decision was made to cancel the parish 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation. We apologise for the inconvenience this may have caused you. The following parishes both have Rite of Reconciliation next Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.

St Columba's South Perth (**2<sup>nd</sup> Rite**)  
25 Forrest Street South Perth  
St Benedict's Applecross (**1<sup>st</sup> Rite**)  
115 Ardross Street, Ardross (Cnr Canning Highway)



*Our process of  
Welcoming New  
Catholics*

The present Group of 10 Enquirers is currently meeting each Sunday, supported by 8 Sponsors and facilitators. This month of March the Group meets in the South Perth Parish each Sunday beginning with the 9.30am Mass and continuing till 11.30. The following month of April we will meet in the Manning Parish. Then back at Holy Family, Como. The Group is supported by the 3 Parish Priests and Parish Communities. Please continue to pray for these Catechumens and Candidates as they grow in their love for, and knowledge, of God and the Catholic Faith. If you have any questions, please call **Tony Pires - 0418 900 046**

## MASS INTENTIONS:

**Recently Passed:** June Burke  
**Anniversary of :** Brian Short

All the members of the Sacred Heart Sodality, members past and present

*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.*

#### THE POWER OF PRAYER

Norah Langshaw, Waminda Residents, Dragutin Markovic, Daisy Givens, Nadia O'Brien, Mary & Ben Bianchini, Mary Hippolite, Reg & Joyce Groutsch, Ed Devereux, Heather Jordan, Serafini Family, Josie Staude, Ng Choon Bee, Ng Chai Hong, Paddy Embry, Caroline, Wayne, Ethan, Liam & Scarlett, Sonali, Sachini, Amondo Robels & Fe Fontanini, Eric, Kerry & John Hardwick, Jake Manricks, Michael, Nadia, Adrian, Annie, Reg & May, Margaret & Arthur, Margaret Harrington, Edith Johnson, Barry O'Malley, Rhys, Brit, David, Janelle, Molly, Marlene Bissett, Brian Schofield, Ross Moir, Chris Baker, Ann Salmon, Jeffrey Bonser, Natasha & Paul Sanderson, Lynn Errington, Susan Pyper, Elaine, Barbara, Julie & Ray, Declan & Family, Jessie Amphlett, Rita Anderson, Brendan, Joshua, Roy Camille, Antonette & George, Mark Lewis, Alyssa & Genaro, Yolanda, Sarah, Fred, Nubia, Aura, Diego, William and family, Nicola Synnott, Carmel Lee, Joanna, Sarina, Anne Armstrong, Elaine Newman, Helen Peters, Carmel, Osnain Family, Ambika Selvendra, Veronica Fitzgerald, William, Baby BB, Gladys, Gloria, Hector, Cristina, Myriam, Carlos, Flias, Almonte Family, Bernadette, Emer Heery, Anita, Rosalie & Goldie, Gabrielle & Lilian Hayes, Fr Prabhu, Msgr Brian O'Loughlin, Ben, Monica Villaneuva, Kenny Michael Tan, Claire, Vivian Mendes, Rosetta Napoli, Annalisa Turturiello, Lewis Family, Jono, Janet

#### 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

12 of 12 Be Strong, be brave.  
ALWAYS speak out if you feel unsafe. This message is placed at the request of the Safeguarding Office of the Perth Archdiocese.





"Early in the morning Jesus came again to the temple; all the people came to him" (Jn 8:2). These words introduce the story of the woman caught in adultery. The background is serene: it is morning in the holy place, in the heart of Jerusalem. In the presence of those people, Jesus takes his time: the Gospel tells us that, "he sat down and taught them" (v. 2). Yet, there are empty seats in that school of Jesus. They were absent for different reasons, and the story will end differently for each of them. Let us reflect on these "absentees".

First of all, let us consider the accusers of the woman. In them, we see a reflection of all those who pride themselves on being righteous, observers of God's law, decent and respectable people. They set before him someone they scornfully refer to as "this woman", treating her as a thing, and publicly denouncing her adultery. They call for the woman to be stoned, and pour out on her all their hostility to the compassion shown by Jesus. And they do so under the cloak of their reputation as devout and religious men. Brothers and sisters, these Gospel personages remind us that at any time our individual and communal religiosity can conceal the worm of hypocrisy and the urge to point the finger at others. We can always run the risk of failing to understand Jesus, of having his name on our lips but denying him by the way that we live. How, then, can we prove whether not we are true disciples of the Master? We do so by the way we regard our neighbour and the way we regard ourselves.

Do we see others through mercy or judgement? It is good for us then, whenever we pray, "Jesus, here I am with you, but what is it that you want from me? What is in my heart, in my life, that you want me to change? How do you want me to regard others?" Once we open our hearts to him in truth, he can work wonders in us. We see this in the woman caught in adultery. Her situation seemed hopeless, but then a new and unexpected horizon opened up before her. To her amazement, she finds herself acquitted by God. "Has not one condemned you?" – Jesus says to her – "Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again" (vv. 10,11). Jesus, the very Word of God, completely rehabilitates the woman, restoring her hope. God, on the other hand, always leaves room for second chance; he can always find paths that lead to liberation and salvation.

The Lord also wants us, his disciples, his Church, likewise forgiven by him, to become tireless witnesses of reconciliation. There is no sin or failure that we can bring before him that cannot become the opportunity for starting to live a new and different life under the banner of mercy.

Pope Francis 03.04.22 Holy Mass and Angelus, The Granaries in Floriana, Malta

## Rather than "giving something up" maybe "take something on.?"

Rather than seeing Lent as a period of denial and deprivation, we can view Lent as an invitation to commit to positive actions, like volunteering, donating money, or practicing deeper contemplation. By virtue of committing to something new, we also give something else up. We sacrifice our time and commit it to service or to God. Lent, fundamentally, is about facing the hardest elements of human existence — suffering, mortality, death. The Easter cycle, true to life, is a gritty one. In this sacred time, we should confront what we often ignore. For centuries, Christians have used fasting as a tool to turn attention away from worldly goods towards God and Truth. By letting something go, we practice loosening our grip on our own concerns to make space for greater, deeper concerns. How are we working this Lent?

**Tony Pires**

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Would you like to give yourself and your spouse quality time over a weekend that will focus on love, communication and relationship? A WWME Weekend may be the best gift you can give to each other. **Upcoming Weekends are as follows:**  
 Live-out Weekend **24/25 May** @ Corpus Christi College, Bateman  
 Live-out Weekend **26/27 July**, Bunbury @ Bunbury Catholic College  
 Live-in Weekend **7/9 November** @ Vincentian Retreat Centre, Karrakup  
 For more information about coming Weekends contact Brendon or Valerie on 0493 534 865, email [WAb bookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:WAb bookings@wwme.org.au) or visit [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

# KIDS' CORNER



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| adultery |   |   | Olives  |   |   | Jesus     |   |   |   |
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| elders   |   |   | woman   |   |   | condemn   |   |   |   |

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

When people have done something wrong to us, we often feel angry and want them to be punished, don't we? But in today's gospel Jesus teaches us that this isn't always the right way. After all, we're not perfect either are we?

## LET US PRAY

God of mercy, we ask you to help us to do what is right. Help us to see that we all get things wrong sometimes and to say sorry when we do. Amen.

## WEEKEND ROSTER

|   |                                | Saturday<br>6:00 pm  | Sunday<br>8:30 am  | Sunday<br>10:00 am                                       |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| COMMENTATOR/READER                        |                                |  |  |  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> April    | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent | C. Carolyn Watson<br>R. Michelle Teo<br>EME Margaret Loraine | C. Lyn Hope-Hume<br>R. Jill Browne<br>EME Geraldine Taylor | C. Cecilia Yap<br>R. Michael Danagher<br>EME Pascale Tin |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> / 13 <sup>th</sup> April | Palm Sunday                    | C. Dimitrio Sidi<br>R. Helen Mason<br>EME Christina Sidi     | C. Peter Messer<br>R. Lyn Hope-Hume<br>EME. Marie Tiley    | C. Tony Bray<br>R. Cecilia Bray<br>EME Carem Carrasco    |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> / 20 <sup>th</sup> April | Easter Sunday                  | C. Dimitrio Sidi<br>R. Michelle Teo<br>EME. Marie Tiley      | C. Lyn Hope-Hume<br>R. Jacinta Vu<br>EME Patricia Cowley   | C. Pascal Yip<br>R. Ben Dias<br>EME Rose Hart            |
| ACOLYTES                                  |                                |  |  |  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> April    | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent | Hasan Sidi   | Shajy Vadukoot   | Leo Burke  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> / 13 <sup>th</sup> April | Palm Sunday                    | Hasan Sidi<br>Shajy Vadukoot                                 | Michael Taylor<br>John Newman                              | Tony Bray<br>James Chong                                 |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> / 20 <sup>th</sup> April | Easter Sunday                  | Hasan Sidi<br>Shajy Vadukoot                                 | John Newman  | Leo Burke  |
| ALTAR SERVER                              |                                |  |  |  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> April    | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent | Isabelle Chiew<br>Dinuli Kariyakarawana                      | Palak Vadukoot<br>Evelyn Newman                            | Jovan Halim<br>Delena Tran                               |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> / 13 <sup>th</sup> April | Palm Sunday                    | Gabriella Jakowetz<br>Hayden Willey                          | Leo Newman<br>Evelyn Newman                                | Saheli D'Silva<br>K Don Shannel                          |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> / 20 <sup>th</sup> April | Easter Sunday                  | Elizabeth Morris<br>Hugh Morris                              | Dominic Newman<br>Evelyn Newman                            | Saheli D'Silva<br>Jovan Halim                            |

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