

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

2nd Sunday of Easter

Sunday 24th April 2022

"Peace be with you. As the Father send me, so I send you" John 20:21

Alive in the spirit of mercy

This Sunday's Gospel reading sets the stage for Pentecost. Prior to giving us the full gift of his Spirit, Jesus provides the gift of peace, the gift of his heart. A supernatural gift, it penetrates deep into our own hearts. It is the calming presence of Christ when we face challenges and difficulties.

Jesus bestowed it upon his first apostles twice in the same meeting shortly after his resurrection. Then he gave them the life-breath of God, the Holy Spirit, and commissioned them with the priesthood of forgiving the sins of others -- another gift that brings peace.

This gift of peace has been distributed by Jesus ever since, through the ordained priesthood in what we now call the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And to hold us steady in our efforts to remain holy, Jesus still gives us the breath of God. This breath, this life-sustaining presence of God's Spirit, which created the world and which keeps us spiritually alive, is the Holy Spirit -- God's holiness activating us and dwelling within us.

Whatever is not holy -- not of the Spirit -- is sinful and destructive. Jesus, who is the embodiment of Divine Mercy, died on the cross and gave us his Spirit so that we could live in the forgiveness of God.

Whenever you pray the "Our Father", do it slowly and intentionally, and pay attention to these words: "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." Think of the people who have irritated you the most or who have continued to behave hurtfully without remorse. Consciously forgive them during this prayer.

Otherwise, your unforgiveness could affect their eternal souls as well as your own, because you're denying them an opportunity to understand God's forgiveness through your example, and you're denying God the opportunity to forgive you for your sin of unforgiveness.

Forgiveness doesn't mean approving of the sin nor forgetting what was done. It means letting go of the desire to retaliate. It means choosing to love whether it's deserved or not. It means entering anew into Christ's gift of peace.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Who in your life is hardest to forgive? Perhaps it's yourself! What sins are you retaining by refusing to accept that God has already made his forgiveness available through the cross and resurrection? What are you going to do this week to let go of the unforgiveness?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Name a situation that illustrates the resurrection power of forgiveness. How did the Holy Spirit help make forgiveness easier to do? What changed when forgiveness was given? How did this bring the kingdom of God to earth?

Let us Pray: Beloved Lord Jesus: may my reason and my senses never be an obstacle to my faith. I want to be wherever You need me. Amen.



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
25th Apr – 1st May 2022

Monday 25th April
9.00am Anzac Day Mass

Tuesday 26th April
9.00am Mass



Wednesday 27th April
9.00am Mass
9.30am Craft Group–Meeting Room

Thursday 28th April
9.00am Mass – followed by adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Friday 29th April
7.00 pm Mass

Saturday 30th April
6.00pm Mass

Sunday 1st May
3rd Sunday of Easter
8.30am Mass
10.00am Mass

Wedding Anniversaries
May 2022

We congratulate the following parishioners celebrating their anniversaries this month:

Barry & Patricia **O'Malley**,
John & Jan **Spencer**,
Monica & Gerald **Molt**,
Bernie & Robynne **Vallence**,
Richard & Judy **Priestley**,
Rosemary & Bruno **Celedin**,
Mary-Jo & Phil **Sieber**,
Jonathan & Colette **Shack**,
Armando & Mariola **Da Rocha**,
Xianjin **Chen** & Fang **Lin**,
George & Irene **Tan**,
John & Elaine **Loughnan**,
Phillip & Josephine **Ong**
Vincent & Teresa **Thio**



God bless you on your special day

If you have taken the Holy Communion Pyx home, please kindly return them to Church.

Good Friday Collection

Thank you for your generous donation. The Church has raised \$1,283.65 for the Holy Land Collection to support Christians in the Holy Land

St Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your generous donations. The Church has raised \$489.95 for St Vincent de Paul. The money will be put to good use in helping those in need

THANK YOU



A BIG thank you to all the volunteers who have made the Easter celebration a meaningful one.

CATENIAN'S MASS

Today, is the Catenian's President's Mass at 10am, followed by a morning tea in the hall. Please join us!

MOTHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER



Fundraising for the Holy Family Parish is necessary to help offset the costs associated with running a Parish.

Hamper raffle – tickets \$2 each,
3 for \$5
8 for \$10
20 for \$20

to be drawn after the 10am Mass on Sunday 1st May

Baileys Irish Cream \$2 line raffle
Sale of small gift items

Cake stall. Goods will be available for sale on Saturday the 7th and Sunday 8th May after the Masses.

If you are able to contribute something for the cake stall, please add your name to the list in the foyer. Recipe ideas are available

ST MARY MACKILLOP
– a woman of compassion

Scripture – For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

May our God who gives endurance and encouragement give the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had.

(Romans 15:4-5)

Reflection: Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them cheerfully, remembering whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another. Bear with one another, and let charity guide you in all your life.

The last typed letter of Mary Mackillop to the Sisters

Praying: Mary, teach me to trust in God that God will provide what is needed for me to be a person of compassion.



MASS OFFERING
(at all Masses)



POWER OF PRAYER

Maureen, David, Fitzgerald Family
Elena Bettie, Nell Caulfield,
Norah Langshaw, Julie Sandy & Mark Watson, 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, Chrys Fonseca, Margaret & Brian Short, Marion, Heather Jordan, Jeremy & Stephanie, Ng Chai Hong, Ros & Ali MacPherson, Louise Wynne, Ng Choon Bee, Andy Luke, Gary Caulfield, Rebecca, Howard Evans, Peter & Pauline Serafini, Mekalya, Theo & Oscar, Jonathon, Giorgina, Zane Femia, Rita Anderson, Edwards Family, Regina & Linda Crothers & family, Michelle & Adele Gianatti, Christine Lewis, Elsie Smith, Jean & Joanne Noonan, Wendy Burke, Botica Family, Jan Miller, Rosa & Chloe Canada, Guard Family, Shain Lewis & Family, Helen.



"Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated from our relationship with others and with God"



There will be Anzac Day Mass at 9am on the 25th April

As of Thursday March 31, Public health measures have eased. Masks will continue to be required for people aged 8 years and above (and Year 3 and over in school), other than in the home. The 2sqm rule still applies to places of worship, which restricts the Church to 73 parishioners and the hall to 30. Contact registration is no longer required for Churches as we are not regarded as high-risk venues requiring proof of vaccination. Stay safe and well and thank you for your co-operation during this pandemic. Marie Tiley Chair Holy Family PPC

2nd Sunday of Easter - Year C

FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, His love is everlasting.

SECOND READING

Rev 1:9-13,17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, "Write down all that you see in a book." I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned, I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are all still to come.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, "Peace be with you", and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." After saying this he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained." Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, "We have seen the Lord", he answered, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe". Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. "Peace be with you" he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, "Put your fingers here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him; "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Next Sunday's Readings
3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32,40-41 // Psalm 29:2,4-6,11-13
Rev 5:11-14 // John 21:1-19

BIBLE KIDS Catholic Education Resource

Incredulity of Thomas

Second Sunday of Easter

Make all the words fit into this crossword

Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side...

Word bank

- Disciples
- Peace
- Lord
- Didymus
- Finger
- Hands
- Doors
- Believe
- God
- Jesus
- Twelve

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Children's Corner

Today we hear about how Jesus appeared again to the disciples and shared peace with them. Let's think some more about peace today.

Let us Pray

God of peace, watch over those who face violence in their daily lives. Help us to be forgiving and to do what we can to bring peace to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

ROSTERS

	Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10:00 a.m.
COMMENTATOR/READER			
23 rd / 24 th Apr 2022 2 nd Sunday of Easter	Frank Giannini	Jill Hatherley	Amy Khoo
30 th Apr / 1 st May 2022 3 rd Sunday of Easter	Saschelle Blake	Jill Browne	Cecilia Bray
ACOLYTE			
23 rd / 24 th Apr 2022 2 nd Sunday of Easter	Daniel Bianchini	John Hardwick	Dimitrio Sidi
30 th Apr / 1 st May 2022 3 rd Sunday of Easter	Vince Scanlan	John Newman	Leo Burke
ALTAR SERVER			
23 rd / 24 th Apr 2022 2 nd Sunday of Easter	Jackson Blake Matilda Power	Patrick Newman Evelyn Newman	K Don Shenehan Saheli D'Silva
30 th Apr / 1 st May 2022 3 rd Sunday of Easter	Elizabeth Morris Hugh Morris	Palak Vadukoot Need a volunteer	Shiori Ong Angel Sara Siby
CHOIR			
23 rd / 24 th Apr 2022 2 nd Sunday of Easter	Annalise (Pianist)	Holy Family Choir	D'Cantor Choir
30 th Apr / 1 st May 2022 3 rd Sunday of Easter	Sagrada Familia	Holy Family Choir	Music Only

Reader for Anzac Day Mass (25th April) : Carolyne Watson

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