

Holy Family Como Bulletin

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Weekend Masses Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am

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

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

Adoration: Thursday 9.30am-11.30am **Safeguarding Officers:** Mark Ferroa 0425454763 & Breda Pires 0422237261

Mary, The Holy Mother of God – Year A Sunday 1 January 2023

Lord, may my heart be humble enough to receive You in all Your divinity and may my life be a song of praise in honor of Your Name.

Consecrate the New Year to the Blessed Mother

On this holy day, which includes an obligation to celebrate Mass because it's as important as Sunday, I pray that you will have a very Jesus-centered year in which your faith increases your joy as you receive his healing love and the gift of his emboldening strength to enable you to succeed in every difficulty. Today, let's consecrate the new year to the Mother of Christ, to her protection and help, asking God to make this a year of many blessings.

In the first reading, God teaches Moses how to pass blessings onto others. Today's responsorial Psalm includes a request for God to bless us. The second reading describes the greatest blessing we've received: our adoption by God the Father. As his children, we inherit all that belongs to him. He has made available to us eternal life and every blessing under the heavens and in heaven. Blessings come to us all the time. Every breath and each heartbeat is a blessing of life.

But would you like to be amazed by your blessings, like the people in today's Gospel reading who heard the testimony of the shepherds? Such amazement is the awe we feel when we recognize the presence of Jesus and are truly conscious of what's happening. We are blessed whenever we see, do, hear, or feel something that is Jesus or comes from Jesus or reveals him to us. Thus, we're even blessed in situations that feel like curses, because he is there, guiding us through it!

To grow stronger in faith, we need to become more aware of our blessings. This requires keeping our eyes on Jesus. Admittedly, this is hard to do, but it's possible with decisive effort and the help of the Holy Spirit. Look past the problems: There is the victorious Jesus! Look past your emotional reactions to hardships: There is the peace of Christ! Look past the person who is sinning against you: There is Jesus comforting you!

Be awed by the fact that Jesus is always there and that everything good you do is a blessing from Jesus and also to Jesus. In hardships, we overcome evil by doing good to others with Jesus, which is also then a blessing to Jesus. In this, we become aware of the blessings of God's love, sympathy, and victory. And we'll find other blessings, too.

The next time someone fails to be good to you, stop expecting it from them and look for Jesus himself to give you what you need. As you improve at recognizing him, you'll become aware of his blessings even during the heat of the trial, and your faith will grow stronger.

In every situation, keep your eyes on Jesus to see his hand reaching toward you, blessing you. Let us learn from Mary. She observed everything that happened and reflected on it to see what God would do. When Mary looked at the shepherds, did she see scruffy, stinky, unkempt strangers barging in? Of course not. Look at the scruffy people in your own life. How many blessings do you see? *May your New Year be filled with fully realized blessings!*



Questions for Personal Reflection:

Count your blessings. Make a list of everything that's good in your life, including past blessings that give you warm, happy memories. The Lord has done great things for you. How does this reassure you today?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

What will you do this year to become more aware of God's blessings? In what ways has Mary revealed Jesus to you?

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



HOLY FAMILY DIARY 2nd – 8th January 2023

Monday 2nd January

No Mass

Tuesday 3rd January

9.00am Mass

Wednesday 4th January

9.00am Communion Service Only

Thursday 5th January

9.00am Mass

No Blessed Sacrament

Friday 6th January

7.00 pm Mass

Saturday 7th January

6.00pm Mass

Sunday 8th January

The Epiphany of the Lord

8.30am Mass

10.00am Mass

11.00am Holy Family Luncheon



Wedding Anniversaries January 2023

We congratulate the following parishioners celebrating their anniversaries this month:

Sydney & Gladys **Brady**,

Dom & Marie **Musitano**,

Karen & John **Faulkner**,

Mike & Trish **Cosson**,

Phillip & Maria **Hardjadinata**,

Glynis & Steve **Holborow**,

Rosanna & Michael **Sofoulis**,

Colin & Asuncion **Cala**,

Martin & Annette **Jones**,

Trish & Aaron **Chapman**,

Barry & Danielle **Woodhouse**,

Samantha & Michael **Breust**,

Ciaran & Lynne **Moss**,

Phillip & Deanna **Power**,

Mukami & Frank **Ileri**,

Daryl & Imowen **Tan**,

Celeste & Sean **Williamson**,

Kesson & Kathy **Torkington**,

Michael & Rosanna **Sofoulis**,

Ian **Rundle** & Anne **Reutens**,

Rosemary & Salvador **Jose**.

God bless you on your special day



Rosary

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

There will be not morning tea in January

**The parish office will be closed
Monday 2nd January 2023
For any urgent matters please call
0451 191 944**

HOLY FAMILY FEAST DAY LUNCHEON

SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY @ 11AM

Everyone is welcome to attend to celebrate our Parish feast day.

Please bring a plate to share.

Thank You

Thank you to all our Altar Servers, Acolytes, Lectors, Choirs and every volunteer who so willingly exercised their Ministry at the various Christmas Masses and helped us celebrate this special time in our Liturgical Calendar. A wonderful community effort! Thank you.

LOST AND FOUND

A child's bangle was found in the church car park before the Christmas Eve mass on Saturday. If anyone contacts the office about this and can describe the bracelet, we have it in the office. Thank you



ADORATION

There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament over the holidays. Adoration will return Thursday 2nd February 2023.
If you have a spare half an hour or more on a Thursday morning between 9.30 & 11.30am and would like to enrich your love of Christ, please put your name down on the sheet in the foyer.



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



*wishing you and
your family happy*

New Year



MASS OFFERING

Members of the Sacred Heart Sodality, Past and Present

Recent passing of Angia Martin



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, Rosalind Eppinger, Kevan O'Meara, Richard & Mark Lewis, John & Peter Serafini



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

“As a true Mother, she walks at our side, she shares our struggles, and she constantly surrounds us with God's Love”

~~ Pope Francis ~~

Mary, The Holy Mother Of God - Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.

FIRST READING

Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace." This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel and I will bless them.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May God bless us in his mercy.

SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave anymore; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:16-21

The shepherd hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child, they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception. The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Write a Christmas or winter word that starts with each letter below:

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H _____

R _____

I _____

S _____

T _____

M _____

A _____

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Bethlehem

Christmas

December

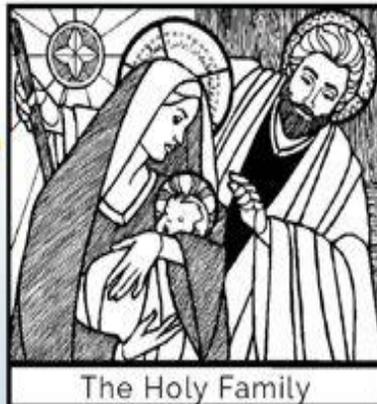
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Jesus

Joseph

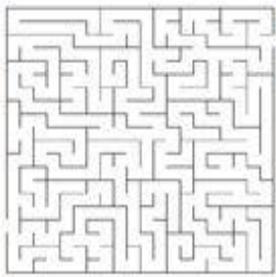
Mary

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The Holy Family

Help the Wise Man find the baby Jesus!



MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Mary is a very special person. She was chosen by God to be the mother of his son. Her life was not easy and there were many sad times, but she believed that God loved her and would do what was best for her in the end.

Let us Pray

Mary, help us to say "yes" to God as you did, even when it is not easy.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Is in recess for the school holidays.



ROSTERS

		Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
COMMENTATOR/READER				
31 st Dec/1 st January	Solemnity of Mary	Amanda Johnson	Jill Hatherley	Cyril D'Silva
7 th / 8 th January	Epiphany of the Lord	Frank Giannini	Jill Browne	Anne Armstrong
ACOLYTE				
31 st Dec/1 st January	Solemnity of Mary	Carl Celedin	Michael Taylor	James Chong
7 th / 8 th January	Epiphany of the Lord	Vincent Scanlan	John Newman	Leo Burke
ALTAR SERVER				
31 st Dec/1 st January	Solemnity of Mary	Jackson Blake Elizabeth Morris	Claudia Beard Taylor Dominic Newman	Shiori Ong Sierra Ong
7 th / 8 th January	Epiphany of the Lord	Nicolas Willey Raegan Tanuwidjaja	Patrick Newman Leo Newman	K Don Shannel Martina Teran-Carrasco
CHOIR				
31 st Dec/1 st January	Solemnity of Mary	Sagrada Familia	Holy Family Choir	Music Only
7 th / 8 th January	Epiphany of the Lord	Samuel Yeow (Organist)	Holy Family Choir	Burmese Choir

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