

# Holy Family Como Bulletin



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

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## Transfiguration of the Lord – Year A

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Dear Father, thank You because I am Your Beloved Son! Thank You for taking care of me as Your great treasure! May this truth take deep root within me so that all my life reflects Your great love for me. Amen.

### The Transfiguration of the Lord is within you

Atop Mount Tabor in Israel is where the pure light of Christ – the uncreated light of his true identity – was first revealed to the world. Not at his birth, not at his baptism, nor as he preached and healed. Although the Light of the World came to us in those momentous events, it was not revealed so clearly, so powerfully, so dramatically as when he let Peter, John, and James witness it on the mountaintop, as seen in today's Gospel passage.



The highest experience of faith was, and still is, what happens when the Father says, "This is my beloved Son; *listen to him.*" The transfiguration of Christ occurs again and again every time we listen to him and our faith is enlightened. It happens every time we have a breakthrough from blindness to understanding, from sinfulness to holiness, from doubt to trust. However, now *we* are transfigured *with* Jesus!

Whenever we let his uncreated light consume the darkness within us, the people around us see Christ's true identity in us. We shine with him. Therefore, it's vitally important that we give Jesus the areas of darkness that still linger within us and let him expose the truth in his light. By repenting (which means we change), we're transformed into our true identity. What is our true identity? It's our innermost being that was created in the image of God. It's our sainthood!

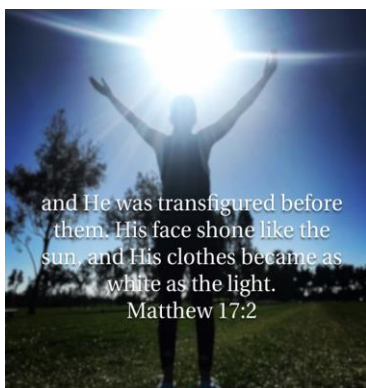
Listen. Can you hear God's voice saying about you what he said about Jesus on Mount Tabor? "This is my beloved child; listen to him/her." He is saying this to others as you do the work to which he's called you. Some folks will hear him, some won't, but our yes to his calling is not based on how many people will heed his voice. We serve God because we have been transfigured. Our holiness impels us to go where we can do the greatest good.

#### Questions for Personal Reflection:

What sins do you still try to hide or deny? Why are you afraid to let Jesus shine his light into these areas of darkness? Are you afraid he'll stop loving you? What do you do that reveals your sainthood?

#### Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Describe a time when you listened to Jesus and the truth you learned from him transformed you. How did it help you become a true child of God more fully? How did it reveal your true identity more accurately?



and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.  
Matthew 17:2

### 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**  
7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023



**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August**  
No Mass

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Feast Day of Mary MacKillop**  
9.00am Mass

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August**  
9.00am Mass

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August**  
9.00am Mass  
9.30am Adoration

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August**  
7.00pm Mass

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August**  
6.00pm Mass

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August**  
*19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8.30am Mass  
10.00am Mass – **First Holy Communion Ceremony**

**Wedding Anniversaries**  
**August 2023**

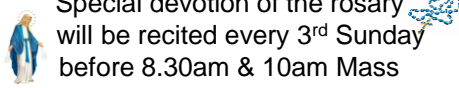
We congratulate the following parishioners celebrating their anniversaries this month:



*Happy Anniversary*  
**Betty & Des Leggett**  
**Amelia & Jared Graves**  
**Patricia & David Cowley**  
**Grazyna & Marek Toczyłowski**  
**Julie & Dominic Palumbo**  
**God bless you all on your special day**

**Rosary**

Special devotion of the rosary will be recited every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before 8.30am & 10am Mass



**2023 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

The email address of the Sacramental Program coordinator is:  
[comocath.sacramental@ymail.com](mailto:comocath.sacramental@ymail.com)

Please refrain from sitting on the steps leading into the Church. This is a safety hazard in accordance with Council guidelines in case of an emergency. Please use the spare seats provided. Thank you



**ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS**

For more news about what's happening around the Archdiocese or Employment, please see the Notice board in the foyer

**FATHER'S DAY IS COMING...**  
**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September**  
**Raffle tickets are now available**  
**1 for \$2      3 for \$5**  
**8 for \$10     20 for \$20**  
**Get in quick to win 1 of 4 hampers.**  
**To be drawn after 10am**  
**Mass 27<sup>th</sup> August**

**NEXT SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**  
**10AM MASS**

The parish will be celebrating the First Communion Ceremony at 10am Mass. There will be 7 Children making their First Communion. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

**DEFIBRILLATOR INSTALLED**

Please be aware that our parish now has a defibrillator installed. It is in the foyer in a cabinet up on the wall, on the left side of the door entrance.



**ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS**

**70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – BILLINGS LIFE - NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

Billings LIFE warmly invite you to join the Perth celebration to mark the 70th Anniversary of the beginning of Dr John Billings' research in Natural Family Planning. **Saturday 26 August 9am Mass, St Joseph Pignatelli Parish, 40 Galloway Street, Attadale**, followed by morning tea. For catering purposes please RSVP to Mandie Bowen to [bnfpwa@westnet.com.au](mailto:bnfpwa@westnet.com.au).

**Meditative Prayer in the Style of Taizé 2023**

At the Sisters of Saint Joseph Chapel 16 York Street, South Perth 7–8pm Chapel doors open at 6.30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of following months:  
\* August 20  
\* September 17  
\* October 15  
\* November 19

Invite your friends and pray in a relaxing, meditative way (bring a torch) Enquiries: Sr Maree Riddler rsj Phone: 0414683926 Email: [maree.riddler@sosj.org.au](mailto:maree.riddler@sosj.org.au)



**MASS OFFERING**

**Mass Intentions** – Members of the Sacred Heart Sodality past and present, Nena Giannini, Rosa Passarelli, Salvatore Arcadi, Carmela Scurria

**Recently Deceased** – Zeb Hwee-Gray, Charles Britto

**Wellbeing of** – Brad, Dawson Family, Ross Muir

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August – Feast Day of Mary MacKillop**

*God of compassion, God of all people, we praise you for your servant, Mary MacKillop, who gave her life to serve you in the poor and oppressed. As she is honoured in our world, may we continue to learn to share her vision. Help us to recognise, as she did, that the poor of our time will hear the gospel in the way we serve them.*



**Let Justice and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

**Let Justice and Peace Flow** is the theme of this year's ecumenical Season of Creation. It starts on September 1, and ends on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, 4th October. Pope Francis' message offers us so much to contemplate during the Season of Creation. Make this Season a special time to enrich your spiritual life and devote regular time to reading the Pope's message at:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2023/documents/20230513-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>

**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.

**7 of 12 Safeguarding Messages:**  
*You can shout, STOP or NO! if someone tries to touch your private body parts. Then go and tell a trusted adult.*



# Transfiguration of the Lord - YEAR A

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

## FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the vision of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

## SECOND READING

Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, "Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

**Next Sunday's Readings**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Kings 19:9,11-13  
 Ps 84:9-14. R.v.8  
 Romans 9:1-5  
 Matthew 14:22-33

# KIDS' CORNER

## The Transfiguration

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Matthew 17:5 (NIV)

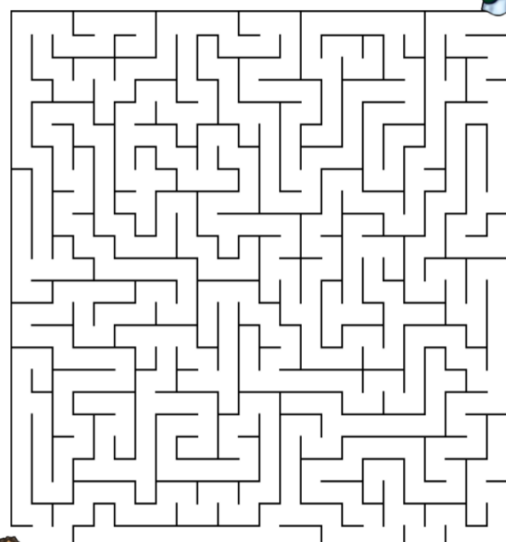
Based on Matthew 17:1-9



**Transfiguration** is a fancy word for a change in form. In the original language, it is the same word used for the change that a caterpillar goes through to turn into a butterfly. In Matthew 17, Jesus was transformed. His face shone like the sun and His clothes became as white as light.



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Has anything amazing ever happened to you? Something so wonderful that you can hardly describe it? Today we hear how three of Jesus disciples were amazed by a vision of glory on the top of a mountain.

### LET US PRAY

Lord God, help us to see your glory in the world around us, and to feel the warmth of your love which shines on all living things.



SIX	PETER	CLOTHES	VOICE	JOHN
LOVE	MOSES	GOOD	WHITE	ELIJAH
JAMES	DAYS	APPEARED	MOUNTAIN	HIGH

## ROSTERS

		Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
<b>COMMENTATOR/READER</b>				
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> August	Transfiguration of the Lord	Frank Giannini	Lyn Hope-Hume	Anne Armstrong
12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> August	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord	Amanda Johnson	Marianne Taylor	First Holy Communion Children
<b>ACOLYTE</b>				
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> August	Transfiguration of the Lord	Daniel Bianchini	John Newman	Tony Bray
12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> August	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord	Peter Quinn	Bill Staude	First Holy Communion Ceremony James Chong
<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>				
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> August	Transfiguration of the Lord	Nicolas Willey Dinuli Kariyakarawana	Leo Newman Dominic Newman	Ethan Tsia Martina Teran-Carrasco
12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> August	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord	Hugh Morris Elizabeth Morris	Claudia Taylor Beard Dinuli Kariyakarawana	First Holy Communion Ceremony K Don Shannel Angel Sara Siby
<b>CHOIR</b>				
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> August	Transfiguration of the Lord	Sagrada Familia	Holy Family Choir	D'Cantor Choir
12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> August	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord	Samuel Yeow (Pianist)	Holy Family Choir	First Holy Communion Ceremony Burmese Choir

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