

Holy Family Parish 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 Adoration: Thursdays 9.30am-10.30am

PENTECOST SUNDAY – YEAR A

SUNDAY, 24TH MAY 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.



SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts, but always the same spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, it is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

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.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Trinity Sunday Yr A

Exodus 34:4-7, 8-9

Psalm: 3:52-56 2

Corinthians 13:11-13

John 3:16-18

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THE PARISH WEEK AHEAD

25th - 31st May 2026

Monday 25th May

9.00am Mass – Feast of Our Lady
Help of Christians

Tuesday 26th May

9.00am Mass

Wednesday 27th May

9.00am Mass

Thursday 28th May

9.00am Mass
9.30am Adoration



Friday 29th May

9.00am Mass

Saturday 30th May

4.45pm 1st Eucharist lesson (m1)
4.45pm Pre-confirm lesson (m2)
5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation
6.00pm Mass

Sunday 31st May

The Most Holy Trinity

8.30am Mass
10.00am Mass
10.30am-11.30am RCIA (m1)

WESTPAC ACCOUNT CLOSURE

The Parish banking has now been successfully transferred to NAB. As a result, the **Westpac bank account will soon be discontinued**. Please update your banking details for recurring payments at your earliest convenience.

Our new banking details are as follows:

1st Collection Account

Bank: NAB

Account Name: The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Perth – Presbytery Account

BSB: 086-006

Account Number: 331331103

2nd Collection Account

Bank: NAB

Account Name: The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Perth – Catholic Development Fund

BSB: 086-006

Account Number: 839 893 940

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and thank you for your continued support



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

27th May – 3rd June

The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2026 is *All In*, a call for all Australians to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every single day. *All In* makes clear that reconciliation is not a spectator sport and that all of us must step away from the sidelines and take action to make change. Reconciliation will not happen by itself, and it will not happen without all of us.

NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE

During the first 4 weekends in May, you will notice members of the Parish Council counting heads during mass. The 5-yearly “National Count of Attendance” is taking place around the Perth Archdiocese. Thank you for your understanding while this is taking place.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE RESULTS

1st Prize **Green C37 - Irene**

If you have Green ticket C37 and your name is Irene, please contact the office to pick up your hamper.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Do you like singing at Mass? Come along and join our choir members to learn some new hymns. You will be very welcome! A general choir rehearsal will be held Saturday 16th May at 9am in the Church

SACRED HEART SODALITY

The Sacred Heart Sodality has been active in Como Parish for many years. Our numbers have depleted as members have left the parish or passed away. We gather as a group at Mass on the first Sunday of every month. At the end of Mass, we have short prayerful meeting. If you would like to join our group as part of a continuing prayerful Catholic practice please contact Jill 0499778810

MASS INTENTIONS:

For all those who are mentioned in the “Names of the Book of the Dead”

THE POWER OF PRAYER LIST *Please keep the following people in your prayers:*

Norah Langshaw, Waminda Residents, Dragutin Markovic, Daisy Givens, Nadia O'Brien, Mary Hippolite, Reg & Joyce Groutsch, Ed Devereux, Heather Jordan, Ng Choon Bee, Ng Chai Hong, Caroline, Wayne, Ethan, Liam & Scarlett, Sonali, Sachini, Fe Fontanini, Michael, Nadia, Annie, Reg & May, Margaret & Arthur, Edith Johnson, Rhys, Brit, David, Anne Armstrong, Elaine Newman, Helen Peters, Canada family, Sarah, Molly, Fred, Patrick, Louise, Chris, Aria, David Rowe, Andrew Hammond, Aura Diego, Familia Becerra, Fania Cerinca, Annemarie, Jessie Amphlett, Barbara Kenny, Margaret Abbott, Serafini Family, Cain Family, Regina & Linda, Beverley Loraine, Fr Carroll, Maria O'Connor, Chris Lowry, Aldrin Ong, Adrian Ong, Troisi family, Jean, Antonette & George, Declan & Family, John Joyce, Richard Newman, Kelley H, Mark, Eduardo & Mario Gomez, Tom Core, Abin Davis, Aurelius Daniel, Anderson family, Vicki Sheppard, Cedric DeSouza, Lisa, Vincent Scanlan, Sanderson family, Anna Alfonso, Steve Ford, Samantha Wylie, Vanessa Moore, Troy Skopelitis, Eliora Wijaya, Sophie and James, Toczykowski family, Jem, Carivan, Mary The, Marie and Shien Caguiat, Jasmin Cerillo, Michelle, Mason family

Ritual of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Faith Journey

What do Catholics believe? Why do they have rituals and attend Mass? Interested or curious about becoming Catholic? Holy Family Como invites you to join us. For more information, please contact Geraldine Taylor on 0408 093434

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today, the Solemnity of Pentecost, the Gospel takes us to the upper room, where the apostles had taken refuge after the death of Jesus. The Risen One, on the evening of Passover, presents himself precisely in that situation of fear and anguish and, breathing on them, says: "Receive the Holy Spirit". In this way, with the gift of the Spirit, Jesus wishes to free the disciples from fear, from this fear that keeps them shut away at home, and he frees them so that they may be able to go out and become witnesses and proclaimers of the Gospel. Let us dwell a little on what the Spirit does: he frees from fear.

The disciples had closed the doors, the Gospel says, "for fear". The death of Jesus had shocked them, their dreams had been shattered, their hopes had vanished. And they closed themselves inside. Not only in that room, but within, in the heart. I would like to underline this: closed inside. How often do we too shut ourselves in? How often, because of some difficult situation, because of some personal or family problem, because of a suffering that marks us or the evil we breathe around us, do we risk slipping slowly into a loss of hope and lack the courage to go on? This happens many times. And then, like the apostles, we shut ourselves in, barricading ourselves in the labyrinth of worries.

Brothers and sisters, this "shutting ourselves in" happens when, in the most difficult situations, we allow fear to take the upper hand and let its loud voice dominate within us. The cause, therefore, is fear: fear of not being able to cope, of having to face everyday battles alone, of risking and then being disappointed, of making the wrong decisions. Brothers, sisters, fear blocks, fear paralyses. And it also isolates, think of the fear of others, of those who are foreign, who are different, who think in another way. And there can even be the fear of God: that he will punish me, that he will be angry with me... If we give space to these false fears, the doors close: the doors of the heart, the doors of society, and even the doors of the Church! Where there is fear, there is closure. And this will not do.

However, the Gospel offers us the remedy of the Risen One: the Holy Spirit. He frees us from the prisons of fear. When they receive the Spirit, the apostles – we celebrate this today – come out of the upper room and go out into the world to forgive sins and to proclaim the good news. Thanks to him, fears are overcome and doors open. Because this is what the Spirit does: he makes us feel God's proximity, and so thus his love casts out fear, illuminates the way, consoles, sustains in adversity. Faced with fears and closure, then, let us invoke the Holy Spirit for us, for the Church and for the whole world: let a new Pentecost cast out the fears that assail us and revive the flame of God's love.

Pope Francis 28-5-23 Regina Caeli, Saint Peter's Square

EUCCHARISTIC RENEWAL – JOURNEY TO 2028

Australia is preparing to host the **International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028**, a historic moment of grace for our Church. In the years leading up to this event, all Catholics are invited into a time of prayer, reflection, and renewal centred on the theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV "*This is My Body, Given for You.*" This national journey calls us to deepen our love for Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and to be formed as Eucharistic missionary disciples. **Official Eucharistic Renewal prayer cards will be available in our parish on Pentecost weekend**; please take one and join this shared journey of prayer for renewal in our Church. For more information and resources, visit <https://eucharist28.org/>.

ARCHDIOCEAN NEWS

CROSSROADS YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

Set at the stunning St John of God Retreat Centre in Shoalwater, this weekend is all about giving yourself space to breathe, reflect, and figure out what's next. It's the kind of place that naturally helps you slow down and reconnect with yourself and with God. Comfortable single ensuite room with fully catered meals. If you've been feeling overwhelmed, unsure, or just in need of a reset, this weekend is for you. 🌱

Location:

St John of God Retreat Centre
47 Gloucester Crescent, Shoalwater WA 6169

Start: Friday 5:00pm, 17 July 2026

End: Sunday 1:30pm, 19 July 2026

Cost: \$240.00

Ages: 18 to 30yrs

Registrations Close: 16 June 2026 @12pm

Hosted by CYM Perth

<https://events.humanitix.com/crossroads-2026/tickets>

PARENTING IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Catholic Family & Justice Support Services is facilitating this parent workshop to explore how technology, social media, and online platforms are shaping the way children think, feel and interact. Gain practical strategies to help you support your child in developing healthy, balanced technology habits. Designed for parents and caregivers.

- Tuesday, 26th May - 6.30pm - 8.00pm
- Newman Siena Centre (Clune Lecture Theatre W2.07) 33 Williamstown Road, Doubleview
- Cost - \$5.00 To register, www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1570034?

PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS IN NIGERIA

Christians in Nigeria continue to suffer greatly for their faith, yet many persevere with deep trust in Christ and devotion to Our Lady. *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with John, a Catholic farmer in Nigeria, in praying a decade of the Rosary this week for persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their faith. **Watch John's moving testimony** and **download a free Red Rosary Prayer Card** to unite your prayers with the suffering Church throughout the world. Scan the QR code or visit www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES - CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church. For details and how to apply:

<https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment>

- Pastoral Assistant, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry – Permanent, Full-time
- Liaison, Deaf Support, Personal Advocacy Service – Casual
- Administration Assistant, Chancery – Casual

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Filled with the Holy Spirit

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4 (NIV)
Based on Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Today is Pentecost, which the Jews celebrated fifty days after the Passover. Today we celebrate the birthday of the church and hear how Jesus sent his Holy Spirit to the disciples, just as he had promised to do.

LET US PRAY

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts with your love. Work through us to bring Jesus to those who do not know him, so that we may share this love with others.

WORD SEARCH

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		Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.00am
COMMENTATOR/READER				
23 rd /24 th May	Pentecost	C. Amanda Johnson R. Carolyn Watson EMHC Dimitrio Sidi	C. Susannah Robinson R. Jill Browne EMHC Rose Hart	C. Ben Dias R. Shanthy Dias EMHC Grace Toczykowski
30 th /31 st May	The Most Holy Trinity	C. Michelle Teo R. Helen Mason EMHC Christina Sidi	C. Marianne Taylor R. Annette Newman EMHC Lyn Hope-Hume	C. Cecilia Bray R. Pascal Yip EMHC Marek Toczykowski
ACOLYTES				
23 rd /24 th May	Pentecost	Hasan Sidi	Shajy Vadukoot	Leo Burke
30 th /31 st May	The Most Holy Trinity	Dimitrio Sidi	Michael Taylor	James Chong
ALTAR SERVER				
23 rd /24 th May	Pentecost	Edith Johnson Hugh Morris	Volunteers Please	Ethan George Volunteer Please
30 th /31 st May	The Most Holy Trinity	Dinuli Kariyakarawana Lahan Kariyakarawana	Evangeline Taylor-Beard Leo Newman	Saheli D'Silva Volunteer Please

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