

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



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

SUNDAY, 26TH JULY 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place. God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING

Kings 3:5.7:12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, "Ask what you would like me to give you". Solomon replied, "Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. "Since you have asked for this" the Lord said "and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you".

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold.

R

2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight.

R

3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts; I hate false ways.

R

4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore, I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple.

R

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28.30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones of the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes'. And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old'.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Isaiah 55:1-3

Ps 144:8-9,15-18.R.v.16

Romans 8:37-39

Matthew 14:13-21

PLEASE TAKE BULLETIN HOME TO READ

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Office Hours:

THE PARISH WEEK AHEAD

Monday 27th July

9.00am No Mass

Tuesday 28th July

9.00am Mass

Wednesday 29th July

9.00am Mass

Thursday 30th July

9.00am Mass

9.30am-10.30am Adoration

Friday 31st July

9.00am Mass

Saturday 1st August

5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 2nd August

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am Mass (Morning Tea)

10.00am Mass (Morning Tea)



(RCIA) FAITH JOURNEY

What do Catholics believe? Why do they 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 093 434

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

If you would like to receive a gluten free host, please contact the office staff.

SCHOOL REFERENCES

If you are requiring a school reference signed, please see Father Dat after the Mass.

WESTPAC ACCOUNT CLOSURE

The parish banking has been transferred to NAB. Please update your details below.

PARISH BANKING DETAILS

1st Collection Account

Bank: NAB BSB: 086-006

Account Number: 331 331 103

2nd Collection Account

Bank: NAB BSB: 086-006

Account Number: 839 893 940

For further information refer to the noticeboard in the church foyer.

UPCOMING SOLEMNITIES

St Mary of the Cross

9.00am Mass Saturday, 8th August

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Mary – Holy Day

9.00am Mass Saturday 15th August

The Assumption is a holy day of obligation, a day when Catholics have a duty to participate at the celebration of the Mass.

TODAY IS THE SIXTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The celebration is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all and that at any age it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God. May this day, therefore, be an inspiration for everyone, especially the young, to revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents, the elderly members of the family and even those who have no one to visit them.



PARISH SECURITY

Holy Family has installed CCTV security system to improve safety. Cameras cover the entry courtyard, foyer, church, and Thelma Street entry. Signage in place and recordings securely stored according to Archdiocese Safeguarding guidelines.



COUNTING MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our counting ministry is seeking volunteers who can spare a couple of hours every fortnight to join a second team of counters. Volunteers are needed on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings after mass to count and bank the weekend cash collections. Full training will be provided. If you are interested in serving in this important parish ministry, please contact Alan at finance.como@perthcatholic.org.au

MASS INTENTIONS:

Recently Deceased: Patrick Wyburn
Carmelo Sinagra

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

CONDOLENCES

Our prayers and condolences to the Sinagra family on the recent passing of Carmelo, whose rosary and funeral service will be held on Saturday, 1st August from 8.30am at Holy Family Como.



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, Famia 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, Toczyłowski family, Jem, Carivan, Mary The, Marie and Shien Caguiat, Jasmin Cerillo, Michelle, Mason family, T Briggs, Liz Mulcahy, Lynne Klomp, Rena Widita, Stonowski family, Tan Ay Lian, Nancy Yeow, Pam O'Connell, Beatrice & Nora Johnson, Jono, Darren, Michael R, Mitch Leonardo, Maria Ho, Shauna Jem, April Latoja, David Ford, Erica DeSouza, Darryn

SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT STATEMENT

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all its members, leaders, and especially its children and adults at risk. The care, safety and welfare of children and adults is a collective responsibility, embedded in robust policies and practices of the Archdiocese which reflect its zero tolerance to abuse.

Today the Gospel tells the parable of a merchant in search of precious gemstones, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. Let us pause a little on the actions of this merchant, who first seeks, then finds and finally buys. This man's first action: to seek. He is an enterprising merchant, who does not stand still, but leaves his house and sets out in search of precious pearls. He does not say: "I am satisfied with the ones I have"; he looks for more beautiful ones. And this is an invitation for us not to close ourselves up in habit, in the mediocrity of those who are complacent, but to revive desire so that the desire to seek, to go on, is not extinguished. The merchant's second action is to find. He is a shrewd person who "has a keen eye" and knows how to recognize a pearl of great value. This is not easy. Let us think, for example, of the fascinating oriental bazaars, where the stalls, full of goods, are crowded with people. Sometimes in these markets, if one stops to look closely, one can discover treasures: precious things, rare volumes that, mixed in with everything else, one does not notice at first glance. But the merchant in the parable has a sharp eye and knows how to find, he knows how to "discern" to find the pearl. This too is a teaching for us: every day, at home, on the street, at work, on holiday, we have the possibility of discerning good. Let us not waste time and freedom on trivial things. It is necessary to know how to recognize it: to discern in order to find it. And the merchant's last action: he buys the pearl. Realizing its immense value, he sells everything, he sacrifices all his goods just to have it. He radically changes the inventory of his warehouse; there is no longer anything other than that pearl: it is his only wealth, the meaning of his present and his future. This too is an invitation for us. But what is this pearl for which one can renounce everything, the one of which the Lord speaks to us? This pearl is Him: it is the Lord! Seeking the Lord and finding the Lord, encountering the Lord, living with the Lord. The pearl is Jesus: He is the precious pearl of life, to be sought, found and made one's own. It is worth investing everything in Him because, when one encounters Christ, life changes like this, doesn't it? Your life ... you meet Christ and in this way your life changes. Let us then resume the merchant's three actions: seeking, finding and buying – and ask ourselves some questions. Seeking: am I searching, in my life? Do I feel fine, accomplished, am I satisfied, or do I exercise my desire for good? Am I in spiritual retirement? How many young people are in retirement! The second action, finding: do I practise discerning what is good and comes from God, knowing how to renounce what leaves me with little or nothing? Finally, buying: do I know how to spend myself for Jesus? Is He in first place for me, is He the greatest good in life?

*Pope Francis 30-7-23, Angelus, St Peter's Square
(part thereof)*

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK – VOCATIONS EXPO, 7 AUGUST 2026, 6PM – 8PM

Have you ever wondered where God might be calling you? As part of National Vocations Awareness Week, all are invited to the Vocations Expo on Friday, 7th August at the Cathedral Parish Centre. Meet priests, seminarians, religious sisters and brothers, married couples and Catholic organisations, enjoy interactive displays, conversation, wine and cheese, refreshments, and discover the many ways God calls us to serve.

Friday 7 August 6:00pm – 8:00pm St Mary's Cathedral Parish Centre, Perth Free event with a registration.

Register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/DNHOH>

WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT DAY – CALLED TO BE MORE? Women aged 17–35+ are warmly invited to a

day of prayer, reflection and conversation exploring God's call in their lives. Join other young women for inspiring talks by Sr Margaret Scharf, Dr Pina Ford and Tara Peters, Mass, quiet reflection and the opportunity to ask questions in a welcoming environment.

Saturday 15 August, 9.30am – 4pm Trinity College, East Perth Free event with a registration. Register at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DNFMQ>

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 on how to apply online, please see the noticeboard in the foyer or visit the Archdiocese website www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027
SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA**

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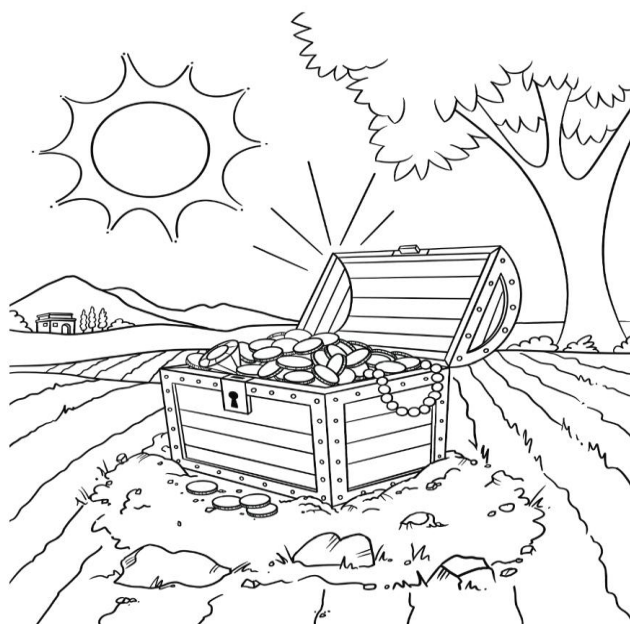
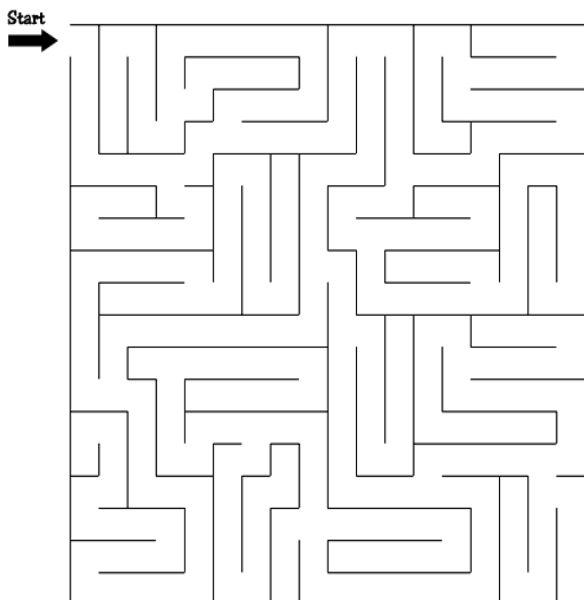
Join CYM as we journey to Seoul, South Korea for World Youth Day 2027 — a once in a lifetime opportunity to encounter faith, friendship, culture, and the global Church alongside millions of young people from around the world. Experience vibrant worship, inspiring speakers, unforgettable moments with pilgrims from every nation, and the excitement of discovering one of Asia's most dynamic cities. Whether you're seeking deeper purpose, lifelong friendships, or an unforgettable travel experience, WYD Seoul 2027 with CYM will be a life-changing pilgrimage you'll never forget. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field." Matthew 13:44



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COMMENTATOR / READER				
25 th / 26 th July	17 th Sunday in Ordinary time	C. Imelda Loviyanti R. Carolyn Watson EMHC Dimitrio Sidi	C. Alex Wu R. Marianne Taylor EMHC Murray Rosenberg	C. Michael Danager R. Cecilia Yap EMHC Vicki Ha
1 st / 2 nd August	18 th Sunday in Ordinary time	C. Kimberly De Souza R. Sean De Souza EMHC Christina Sidi	C. Jill Browne R. Geraldine Taylor EMHC Lyn Hope-Hume	C. Pascal Yip R. Jennifer Low EMHC Vicki Ha
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25 th / 26 th July	17 th Sunday in Ordinary time	Hasan Sidi	Shajy Vadukoot	Tony Bray
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