

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



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

SUNDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him from his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook the offence.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion
3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I give to you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.' And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Philippians 1:20-24, 27
Matthew 20:1-16

PLEASE TAKE BULLETIN HOME TO READ

Parish Priest:
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THE PARISH WEEK AHEAD

Monday 14th September

9.00am No Mass

Tuesday 15th September

9.00am Mass

Wednesday 16th September

9.00am Mass

Thursday 17th September

9.00am Mass

9.30am-10.30am Adoration

Friday 18th September

9.00am Mass

Saturday 19th September

4.45-5.45 Confirmation Lessons (m1)

5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 20th September

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am Mass (Morning Tea)

10.00am Mass (Morning Tea)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL- AGM & NOMINATIONS

The annual Parish AGM will be held on Sunday, 27 September at 11.00am in the hall.

We invite parishioners to consider nominating for the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The PPC is an opportunity to use your gifts, experience, ideas and wisdom to help shape the future of our parish; listening, discerning and working together with our Parish Priest to strengthen our community and its mission. Nominations forms are in the foyer. Once completed, place the form in the General Drop Box next to the forms.

COUNTING MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

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



THIS WEEKEND IS SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported.



SEASON OF CREATION

LIVING WATER Immersion in Living Water

Do you have a bird friendly garden to care for birds as the weather warms up? A native tree such as Grevillia provides nectar and a nearby bowl of water or bird bath gives "living water", this year's theme. We are getting closer to setting up our Holy Family Bird bath. "As I dwell in still or sacred places, I recognize that I am part of the unfolding universe conscious of itself".

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

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

HEALED, RESTORED & SET FREE An Evening of Hope, Healing & Renewal

Parishioners and friends are warmly invited to an evening of prayer, healing and renewal **on Wednesday 30 September, 7-9 pm at Holy Family Parish Hall.**

The evening will be led by Mr Stanley Joseph, Co-founder and International Mission Head of Spiritual Revival Ministry (SRM), Bangalore, together with Mrs Rincy Stanley, SRM International Intercession Minister. SRM is a lay Catholic Charismatic ministry focused on healing and deliverance, rooted in Scripture, the Sacraments and the teaching of the Church. Come and experience the hope, freedom and new life found in Jesus. Enquiries: Keith Morgan – 0408 134 935

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, 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, Anderson family, Vincent Scanlan, Sanderson family, Anna Alfonso, Samantha Wylie, Troy Skopelitis, Eliora Wijaya, Sophie and James, Toczyłowski family, 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, Sean Crosby, Yik Hu Wei (John), Birgita Lontoh, Jason Hiew, James, Christopher, Katherine, Erica Fonseca, Valerie, Bony Limas, Sarah, James, Heather, Mary N, Theresa, Samantha Grace, Philomee Noronha, Abin Davis, Tom Core, Irene Winch, Winnie So

HOLY FAMILY CARE

To be involved or seeking more information about this outreach ministry or know anyone who may need some care, please contact Rose on 0451 191 944 or the office staff.

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today, the Gospel talks to us about forgiveness. Peter asks Jesus: "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?".

Just as God does with us, and as those who administer God's justice are required to forgive always. I say this a lot to priests, to confessors: always forgive, as God forgives. Jesus then illustrates this reality through a parable. A king, after being implored, forgives a servant the debt of 10,000 talents: it is an excessive, immense value, ranging from 200 to 500 tons of silver: excessive. It was an impossible debt to settle, even by working a lifetime: yet this master, who recalls our Father, forgives it out of sheer "pity".

This is God's heart: he always forgives, because God is compassionate. Let us not forget how God is: he is close, compassionate and tender; this is God's way of being. Then, however, this servant, whose debt has been forgiven, shows no mercy towards a fellow servant who owes him 100 denarii. This too is a substantial sum, equivalent to about three months' wages - as if to say that forgiving each other costs money! - but not at all comparable to the previous figure that the master had forgiven. Jesus' message is clear: God forgives incalculably, exceeding all measure. This is how he is; He acts out of love, and gratuitously. God is not bought, God is free.

Forgiving is not, therefore, a good deed that we can choose to do or not do: forgiving is a fundamental condition for those who are Christians. God gave his life for us and in no way can we recompense his mercy. However, by corresponding to his gratuitousness, we can bear witness to him, sowing new life around us. Let us ask ourselves, do I believe I have received the gift of forgiveness? Do I feel the joy of knowing that He is always ready to forgive me when I fall, even when others do not, even when I am not even able to forgive myself? And then: can I in turn forgive those who wrong me? In this respect, I would like to propose a little exercise to you: let us try, now, each one of us, to think of a person who has hurt us, and ask the Lord for the strength to forgive them. And let us forgive them out of love for the Lord: brothers and sisters, this will do us good; it will restore peace to our hearts.

Pope Francis, 17.09.2023,
Angelus, St Peter's Square

PARISH FINANCE

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

CYM PERFORMING ART'S MINISTRY

Got a talent for music, singing, drama or just happy to get involved? Put your faith into action and use your gifts and talents for a greater cause. Whether you sing, play an instrument, run sound or do media, this space is for you. Open to young adults 18+ years.

Every Monday, 7.00pm to 9.00pm, Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40a Mary Street, Highgate (entry via Harold St).

6-DAY SILENT RETREAT – 2ND to 9TH OCTOBER GOD COMES DISGUISED AS...

During this six-day guided, silent retreat, you will have the opportunity to reflect on the various phases of your life, noting the blessings that have come your way as you journeyed through the hills and valleys as well as the twists and turns of life, drawing you into a deeper 'heart knowing' and relationship with God who companioned you throughout your life.

Facilitator: Maureen McDermott rsj

Venue: Kilmoree at Safety Bay, 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay **Enquiries** Dianne Colborne rsj

Ph: 9527 3240 **E:** safetybay@mmsm.org.au

Cost: \$1650 incl GST

Retreat begins with an evening meal at 6pm on Friday 2 October and concludes after breakfast on Friday 9 October. Applications close: 4 September 2026

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING - COMMON GROUND FAITH EDUCATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Every Wednesday, 6pm to 8.30pm, Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary St, Highgate.

Through faith formation, prayer, mission, ministry and social activities, Common Ground provides opportunities to grow in faith, deepen your relationship with God and explore what it means to live a life of purpose and meaning. Ask questions, share your struggles, and receive encouragement and guidance. Come along! For more information contact <https://www.cym.com.au/>

CCR RETREAT 2026 - FRI 18-SUN 20 SEPTEMBER

Catholic Charismatic Renewal will hold a RETREAT this coming weekend at the Orchard Glory Farm Resort, commencing on the Friday afternoon and finishing around 3:00pm on the Sunday. Accommodation is twin-share live-in. The total cost per person is \$175 and will include all meals and tea & coffee. Book with a friend to be sure of sharing a room together. Further queries to Dan, 0409849049. (see notice-board flyer for payment and other details)."

WORD SEARCH

Matthew 18:21-35

The Unmerciful Servant

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heaven	wicked	judge	master
money	unmerciful	sinner	prison
deserved	debt	forgive	king
servant	mercy		

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY



Jesus taught us that if we wanted God to forgive us then we must first learn to forgive each other. In today's Gospel, he tells a parable of a forgiving King and his unforgiving servant. Jesus taught us a prayer that mentions how we must forgive others when we ask forgiveness ourselves.

LET US PRAY

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

AMEN

		SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.30AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
COMMENTATOR / READER				
12 th / 13 th September	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	C. Helen Mason R. Carolyn Watson EMHC Jacques Farla	C. Peter Messer R. Marianne Taylor EMHC Sible Rozario	C. Connie Sapienza R. Cecilia Bray EMHC Grace Toczylowski
19 th / 20 th September	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	C. Amanda Johnson R. Amanda Johnson EMHC Graeme Johnson	C. Alex Wu R. Annette Newman EMHC Rose Hart	C. Fiona Wee R. Tony Pires EMHC Cecilia Bray
ACOLYTES				
12 th / 13 th September	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Hasan Sidi	Michael Taylor	Tony Bray
19 th / 20 th September	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dimitrio Sidi	John Newman	Leo Burke

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