

# Holy Family Como Bulletin



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## Feast of The Holy Family - Year B

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**



### The Liturgy of the Word

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

#### FIRST READING

*Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3*

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'. 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless ...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R.** The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

#### SECOND READING

*Hebrew 11:8,11-12,17-19*

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he had given back Isaac from the dead.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

#### GOSPEL

*Luke 2: 22-40*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: *"Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel."* As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

#### Next Sunday's Readings

##### Feast of the Epiphany Yr B

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

*Psalms 71:1-2, 7-8, 10*

*Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6*

*Matthew 2:1-12*

## HOLY FAMILY DIARY

1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024



**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

9.00am Mass

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

9.00am Mass

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

9.00am Mass

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

9.00am Mass

9.30-11.30am Adoration

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

9.00am Mass

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

6.00pm Mass

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

**The Epiphany of our Lord**

8.30am Mass

10.00am Mass

## Holy Family Feast TODAY

Come along and join us for a special lunch following the 10am Mass as we celebrate the naming day of our parish - **Holy Family**.

Please bring along a plate to share and your own drinks.

## Mary, Mother of God



Mass will be celebrated at **9.00am on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024** at Holy Family Parish to celebrate New Years Day and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of the Christmas hampers & Line Draw:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Purple F59 Astrid

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Red F29 Carmel

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Blue D35 Lois

4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Black E04 Lois

Line Draw – No.13 Sean

Thank you to all those who supported this Christmas fundraiser.

Total raised was \$1479.50.

All winners have been notified and hampers have all been collected.

### CHILDREN'S ROOM (At the back of the church)

For parents using the children's room at the back of the Church, could you please vacate the room as soon as possible after Mass.

This room will be used as a Chapel after Mass for people who wish to pray privately in silence.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Father Dat

### VOLUNTEERS FOR GARDENING

The gardening group **urgently need** help keep our parish gardens.

#### VOLUNTEER FOR CLEANING

Our parish also needs help with the cleaning of the parish.

#### VOLUNTEERS FOR GIVING COMMUNION IN AGED CARE

If you have spare time on Sunday, we need help administering communion at aged care facilities in the area. If you can help with any of the above, please contact the office thank you

### MASS OFFERINGS

**Mass Intentions:** All Holy Family Parishioners

### Wedding Anniversaries December 2023

**Congratulations to the following couples who are celebrating their anniversaries in December:**

Dorothy & Bill Chin,  
David & Katherine Gan,  
June & Malcolm Young,  
Bob & Pascale Tin,  
Dot & Greg Oliver,  
Wendy & Leo Burke,  
Michael & Stella Pang,  
Alvin & Jacqueline Kang,  
Roland & Cathy Ordenez,  
Shehani Alles & Don Dixon  
Eleanor & Julius Fernandez,  
Astrid & Coilles Ducarme,  
Brian & Sheila Walker,  
Jessica & Don Wall,  
Marisa & Colin Kwok  
Mareen & Ishan Peries



**God bless you on your special day**

### MASS OFFERINGS

If you are wanting a mass offered, please pass your offering to Father Dat prior to mass on the day.

### SCHOOL REFERENCES

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

### Wednesday Craft Group In recess



The Craft Group is in recess for the Christmas holidays & will resume Wednesday 10 January 2024.

### 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.

#### 2 of 12 Safeguarding Messages:

Parents, help your child think of five adults they can talk to if they are feeling unsafe. These people are their trusted adults (mum, dad, teacher, aunty, grandma, etc.)

*This message is placed at the request of the Safeguarding Office of the Perth Archdiocese.*

### CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The Parish office will be closed from 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 to 2nd Jan 2024

If the matter is urgent, please email [como@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:como@perthcatholic.org.au)

### Father Dat's Installation Mass

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - 10am**

Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Don Sproston

Lunch will follow. The celebration will coincide Lunar New Year of the Dragon. All invited to officially welcome Father Dat into our Parish.

### ADORATION

Adoration will return on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 from 9.30am-10.30am



### LOST PROPERTY BOX

If you have lost something, the lost property box is in the office

### PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

We offer the option for EFT for both the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:

**1<sup>ST</sup> Collection supports the priest**  
BSB 086 006 A/C number 181363301

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection supports the parish**  
BSB 036 050 A/C number 790041

Reference: Your Initial and Surname  
Any queries related to Planned Giving should be directed to the Parish Office.



Two elderly people, Simeon and Anna, await in the Temple the fulfilment of the promise that God made to his people: the coming of the Messiah. Yet theirs is no passive expectation, it is full of movement. Let us look at what Simeon does. First, he is moved by the Spirit; then he sees salvation in the Child Jesus and finally he takes him into his arms. Let us simply consider these three actions and reflect on some important questions for us and in particular for the consecrated life. First, what moves us? Simeon goes to the Temple, "moved by the spirit" The Holy Spirit is the protagonist in this scene. He makes Simeon's heart burn with desire for God. He keeps expectation alive in his heart: He impels him to go to the Temple and he enables his eyes to recognize the Messiah, even in the guise of a poor little baby. We can also ask, who mostly moves us? Is it the Holy Spirit, or the spirit of this world? This a question that everyone, consecrated persons in particular, needs to ask. The Spirit moves us to see God in the littleness and vulnerability of a baby, yet we at times risk seeing our consecration only in terms of results, goals and success: we look for influence, for visibility, for numbers. A second question: What do our eyes see? Simeon, moved by the Spirit, sees and recognizes Christ. And he prays, saying: "My eyes have seen your salvation". This is the great miracle of faith: it opens eyes, transforms gazes, changes perspectives. Finally, a third question: what do we take into our own arms? Simeon took Jesus into his arms. It is a touching scene, full of meaning and unique in the Gospels. God has placed his Son in our arms too, because embracing Jesus is the essential thing, the very heart of faith. If we embrace Christ with open arms, we will also embrace others with trust and humility. Then conflicts will not escalate, disagreements will not divide, and the temptation to domineer and to offend the dignity of others will be overcome. So let us open our arms to Christ and to all our brothers and sisters. For that is where Jesus is.

[Pope Francis 02.02.22 Holy Mass, St Peter's Basilica](#)

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## FMI ANNUAL FLAME CONGRESS

The Flame Ministries International Annual 34th Congress will be held from Friday 12 January to Sunday 14 January at John XXIII College, 25 John XXIII Avenue, Mt Claremont. Guest speakers include Perth Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, Mt Lawley Parish Priest Fr Timothy Deeters, FMI Senior Leaders Kaye Rollings, Cyrus D'Souza and Cheryle Douglas. For more information contact [fmi@flameministries.org](mailto:fmi@flameministries.org) or to register, [Click Here](#).



## CHURCH NOTICEBOARD

For more of what's happening in the Archdiocese or Employment Opportunities, please see the Notice board in the Church foyer.

## KIDS' CORNER

### THE STORY OF MARY AND JOSEPH

Help Mary and Joseph escape to Egypt.



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy will be in recess during the school holidays, returning on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

God sent his only son into the world to be born as a helpless baby. The Holy Family cherished and loved him until the time came for him to share his Good News with the world.

### LET US PRAY

Dear Jesus, please bless our families. Help us to be loving and forgiving, and help each of us to remember that we are all brothers and sisters in the one family of God.



WEEKEND ROSTER				
		Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
COMMENTATOR/READER				
30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup> December	Feast of the Holy Family	C. Carolyn Watson R. Frank Giannini	C. Marianne Taylor-Beard R. Lyn Hope-Hume	C. Ben Dias R. Shanthi Dias
6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	The Epiphany of the Lord	C. Amanda Johnson R. Helen Masson	C. Jill Browne R. Eugene Browne	C. Cecilia Bray R. Fiona Wee
ACOLYTE				
30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup> December	Feast of the Holy Family	Daniel Bianchini	John Newman	Leo Burke
6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	The Epiphany of the Lord	Peter Quinn	Shajy Vandukoot	James Chong
ALTAR SERVER				
30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup> December	Feast of the Holy Family	Isabella Chiew (a) Edith Johnson	Leo Newman Dinuli Kariyakarawana	Dalena Tan Mary Jane Yip (a)
6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	The Epiphany of the Lord	Elizabeth Morris Vasana Boonyothayan	Evelyn Newman Palak Vadukoot	Sierra Ong (a) Saheli D'Silva
CHOIR				
30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup> December	Feast of the Holy Family	Loreto (Guitarist)	Holy Family Choir	Ukulele Choir
6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	The Epiphany of the Lord	Sagrada Familia	Holy Family Choir	D'Cantor Choir

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