

Holy Family Parish Bulletin

Como - Kensington



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2nd Sunday in Lent - Year C



The Liturgy of the Word

Sunday 16th March 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING

Genesis 15: 5-12.17-18

Taking Abram outside, the Lord 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. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtle dove and a young pigeon'. He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation

SECOND READING

Philippians 3: 17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are destined to be lost, who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends, you are my joy and my crown.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 9: 28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here, so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8,13-15

Psalm 102:1-4,6-8,11

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9

MONDAY 17th March
St Patrick's Day
9.00am Mass for St Patrick's Day

TUESDAY 18th March
9.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 19th March
9.00am Mass

THURSDAY 20th March
9.00am Mass
9.30am – 10.30am Adoration

FRIDAY 21st March
9.00am Mass
7.00pm Stations of the Cross
(John Paul II)

SATURDAY 22ND March
5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation
6.00pm Mass

SUNDAY 23RD March
3rd Sunday of Lent
8.30am Mass (Morning Tea)
10.00am Mass (Morning Tea)

EASTER MASSES

- * **Stations of the Cross** – every Friday 7.00pm (During Lent)
- * **2nd Rite of Reconciliation** – 2nd April – 7.00pm
- * **Palm Sunday** – 12th/13th April
- * **Holy Thursday** – 17th April - 7pm
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.30pm
- * **Good Friday** – 18th April
- Stations of the Cross 10.00am
- Passion of the Lord 3.00pm
- * **Easter Vigil** – 19th April 6pm
- * **Easter Sunday** – 20th April
8.30am / 10.00am

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Office hours will now be
Tuesday to Friday 9am – 12noon
(Friday will be volunteers only
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2nd Sunday of Lent
15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas & the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



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ARCHBISHOPS LIFELINK APPEAL



The 2024 appeal has to date, received donations of \$704,684.88. The total donation amount recorded for Como Parish is \$7,035. We wish to thank all parishioners who gave so generously to this important appeal.



Our process of
Welcoming New
Catholics

The present Group of 10 Enquirers is currently meeting each Sunday, supported by 8 Sponsors and facilitators. This month of March the Group meets in the South Perth Parish each Sunday beginning with the 9.30am Mass and continuing till 11.30. The following month of April we will meet in the Manning Parish. Then back at Holy Family, Como. The Group is supported by the 3 Parish Priests and Parish Communities. Please continue to pray for these Catechumens and Candidates as they grow in their love for, and knowledge, of God and the Catholic Faith. If you have any questions, please call **Tony Pires - 0418 900 046**

PARISH BADGES AND BUTTON BADGE PENS

Father Dat has an idea and is keen to create parish badges & button badge pens. These can be used for pilgrimages, given to the Sacramental Children or Children's Liturgy. This concept will begin once Father Dat returns from his pilgrimage. You can view the examples in the foyer. If you are interested, please send your details to the office by email at como@perthcatholic.org.au



MASS INTENTIONS:

Recently Passed: Betty Dundon
Anniversary: James Jones,
Rev Sister Patrick Gunasekara

If you would like a mass offered, please pass your offering envelope to Father before mass on the day. Father will read out the names at the beginning of Mass.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Norah Langshaw, Waminda Residents, Stella & Family, Reamae David, Dragutin Markovic, Maureen Galligan, Daisy Givens, Nadia O'Brien, Mary & Ben Bianchini, Mary Hippolite, Reg & Joyce Groutsch, Ed Devereux, Heather Jordan, Serafini Family, Josie Staude, Ng Choon Bee, Ng Chai Hong, Paddy Embry, Caroline, Wayne, Ethan, Liam & Scarlett, Sonali, Sachini, Norman Bickley, Amondo Robels & Fe Fontanini, Eric, Kerry & John Hardwick, Jake Manricks, Michael, Nadia, Adrian, Annie, Reg & May, Margaret & Arthur, Margaret Harrington, Edith Johnson, Barry O'Malley, Rhys, Brit, David, Janelle, Molly, Marlene Bissett, Brian Schofield, Ross Moir, Chris Baker, Ann Salmon, Jeffrey Bonser, Natasha & Paul Sanderson, Lynn Errington, Susan Pyper, Elaine, Barbara, Julie & Ray, Declan & Family, Jessie Amphlett, Rita Anderson, Brendan, Joshua, Roy Camille, Antonette & George, Mark Lewis, Alyssa & Genaro, Yolanda, Sarah, Fred, Nubia, Aura, Diego, William and family, Nicola Synnott, Carmel Lee, Joanna, Sarina, Anne Armstrong, Elaine Newman, Helen Peters, Carmel, Osnain Family, Ambika Selvendra, Veronica Fitzgerald, Nubia, Aura, William, Baby BB, Gladys, Gloria, Hector, Cristina, Myriam, Carlos, Flias, Almonte Family, Bernadette, Heather D, Emer Heery, Fred, Anita, Rosalie & Goldie, Gabrielle & Lilian Hayes, Fr Prabhu, Msgr Brian O'Loughlin, Ben, Monica Villaneuva, Kenny Michael Tan, Claire, Vivian Mendes, Rosetta Napoli, Annalisa Turturiello, Lewis Family, Jono, Janet

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
12 of 12 Be Strong, be brave. ALWAYS speak out if you feel unsafe. This message is placed at the request of the Safeguarding Office of the Perth Archdiocese.

Hoi An, a small town known for its art, craft, and colourful lanterns, sits in the middle of Vietnam. While exploring marble mountain, looking for the famous demilitarised zone (DMZ) we visited the Vinh Moc tunnel, built by the locals to survive the air bombing raid during the Vietnam War. An inspirational and emotional experience bombarded our hearts to reflect on our own personal challenges and obstacles as divine invitations to rise to the occasion. Here we discover kindness, compassion, amidst our weary hearts, aching body, and met challenges, we soldier on as pilgrims. Our final destination landed us in South Vietnam, Saigon, also known as Ho Chi Minh city. My birth city is now a modern city with 8.9 million people, I was baptised here in Tan Dinh church famously known by today's locals as the pink church, pink apparently is the colour of the Catholic faith in Vietnam, setting a distinction from other faiths which we saw, a few Anglican churches. Tan Dinh Sunday vigil Mass attendance overflowed outside the church and onto the edge of the road, young people in their twenties, sitting in their scooters praying publicly in silence as they listened to 30 minutes of the priest's homily. There is a deep respect for the Catholic faith by all. Despite the damage by war believers are still gathering in great numbers today. A 2hr trip to Vung Tau gave our pilgrims plenty of time to pray and sing hymns in the van. While expressing our Catholic faith with joy caught the attention of our non-Catholic driver who then offered us a golden opportunity to visit a newly built popular cathedral called St Anthony, here in this grand and breathtaking church of great architect, we prayed in thanksgiving for our generous and considerate driver, intentions for our parish and any personal requests. A quick stop at a large statue of Lady of Bai Dau in Vung Tau we had a chance to celebrate our private Mass in a chapel so that we can continue to pray for the intentions of the Holy Family Parish, we were looking for a small intimate chapel and to our surprise, the chapel was bigger than our church. Vung Tau is a busy town known for the large statue of Christ the King, most of us managed to climb the 811 steps to reach the large statue, then going inside the statue, squeezing our bodies through tight spaces and nooks, we were finally on Jesus' right shoulder, the shoulder where he carried the cross, where he carried our sins. On our final days together, we reflected on the whole journey, what has happened, the transformation from within, the knowing of each other and of our own self, the regular morning and evening prayers, the Angelus and Mass, for some it was their first time reading at Mass, the Stations of the Cross and Rosaries, the praying and singing of Hymns, was all a shared experience. Even though one pilgrim found great difficulty with the concept of sharing in a group, has shared, maybe not so much in words, but plenty in deeds, by being there, listening, giving of oneself for the group. With lots of tears, four pilgrims have returned to Perth, and the rest of us will continue our journey to Rome, Italy.

Father Dat Vuong

Rather than "giving something up" maybe "take something on.?"

Rather than seeing Lent as a period of denial and deprivation, we can view Lent as an invitation to commit to positive actions, like volunteering, donating money, or practicing deeper contemplation. By virtue of committing to something new, we also give something else up. We sacrifice our time and commit it to service or to God. Lent, fundamentally, is about facing the hardest elements of human existence — suffering, mortality, death. The Easter cycle, true to life, is a gritty one. In this sacred time, we should confront what we often ignore. For centuries, Christians have used fasting as a tool to turn attention away from worldly goods towards God and Truth. By letting something go, we practice loosening our grip on our own concerns to make space for greater, deeper concerns. How are we working this Lent? **Tony Pires**



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

NANO NAGLE CENTRE - DAY OF QUIET PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Thursday 20 March, 9am to 3pm

'With Hope we dream. With Faith we believe. With both, we achieve the extraordinary. Presented by Megan Phillips. Morning tea provided, BYO lunch, Cost \$30

Friday 21 March, 10am to 12noon.

Psalm 1: Happy are they who hope in the Lord. Psalm 102, The Lord is kind and merciful (3rd Sunday in Lent). Presented by Sr Shelley Barlow. Morning tea provided. Cost \$15.00. For information on both days above please email catherinewarner29@gmail.com.



<https://events.humantix.com/2025-aquinas-college-open-day/tickets>

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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

In today's gospel we hear about an amazing thing that happened to Jesus, which showed the disciples just how important he was. A great change came over him. Let's think about the changes we can make during Lent.
LET US PRAY
God of light, you sent your Son Jesus to show us how to live. Help us to make a change in our world, so that all people may live free from poverty and hunger. Amen.

WEEKEND ROSTER

		Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
COMMENTATOR/READER				
15 th / 16 th March	2 nd Sunday of Lent	C. Frank Giannini R. Frank Giannini EME. Helen Mason	C. Ralph Newton R. Lynne Newton EME Lyn Hope-Hume	C. Tony Bray R. Cecilia Bray EME. Vicki Ha
22 nd /23 rd March	3 rd Sunday of Lent	C. Dimitrio Sidi R. Dimitrio Sidi EME Rose Hart	C. Peter Messer R. Tony Pires EME Lyn Hope-Hume	C. Jennifer Low R. Fiona Wee EME Pascale Tin
29 th /30 th March	4 th Sunday of Lent	C. Carolyn Watson R. Michelle Teo EME Helen Mason	C. Breda Pires R. Jacinta Vu EME Marie Tiley	C. Michael Danagher R. Cecilia Yap EME Vicki Ha
ACOLYTES				
15 th / 16 th March	2 nd Sunday of Lent	Dimitrio Sidi	Shajy Vadukoot	Leo Burke
22 nd /23 rd March	3 rd Sunday of Lent	Hasan Sidi	Michael Taylor	Tony Bray
29 th /30 th March	4 th Sunday of Lent	Dimitrio Sidi	John Newman	James Chong
ALTAR SERVER				
15 th / 16 th March	2 nd Sunday of Lent	Elizabeth Morris Hugh Morris	Dominic Newman Palak Vadukoot	Angel Siby Martina Teran- Carrasco
22 nd /23 rd March	3 rd Sunday of Lent	Nicholas Willey Hayden Willey	Leo Newman Patrick Newman	Samantha Teran- Carrasco Ethan George
29 th /30 th March	4 th Sunday of Lent	Elizabeth Morris Hugh Morris	Lilyanna Bell Evelyn Newman	Sierra Ong Angel Siby

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