

# Holy Family Como Bulletin



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**Weekend Masses** Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am **Weekday Masses:** Tuesday – Friday 9am

**Reconciliation:** 5.30pm Saturday **Baptisms, Marriage & Funerals:** By appointment Only

**Adoration:** Thursday 9.30am-11.30am **Safeguarding Officers:** Mark Ferroa 0425454763 & Breda Pires 0422237261

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**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year A**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 56:1.6-7*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

### SECOND READING

*Romans 11:13-15.29-32*

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 15:21-28*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. When out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel'. But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs'. She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table'. Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

#### Next Sunday's Readings

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23

Psalm: 137:1-3, 6, 8

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20



**HOLY FAMILY DIARY**  
**21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023**



**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

No Mass  
3pm – Funeral Mass (Dr Don Barrett)

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

9.00am Mass

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

9.00am Mass

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

9.00am Mass  
9.30am Adoration

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

9.00am Mass (*Change of Time*)

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

6.00pm Mass

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8.30am Mass  
10.00am Mass

**FATHER'S DAY  
IS COMING...**

**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September**  
Raffle tickets are now  
available, drawn next  
Sunday

1 for \$2      3 for \$5  
8 for \$10      20 for \$20  
Get in quick to win 1 of 4  
hampers.  
To be drawn after 10am  
Mass 27<sup>th</sup> August



**MASS OFFERING**

**Mass Intentions –** Winifred Klomp

**Recently Deceased –** Dr Donald Barrett

The Power of Prayer list is now on the noticeboard. If you would like someone's name on the Power of Prayer, please write their name on the form in the church foyer and the list will be updated each week.



**Wedding Anniversaries  
August 2023**

We congratulate the following parishioners celebrating their anniversaries this month:

Betty & Des **Leggett**  
Amelia & Jared **Graves**  
Patricia & David **Cowley**  
Grazyna & Marek **Toczyłowski**  
Julie & Dominic **Palumbo**



God bless you all on your special day

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF  
MASS TIME FOR FRIDAYS**

Mass time on Fridays will change to 9.00am, starting from 25<sup>th</sup> August

**Rosary**



Everybody is welcome to join in for special devotion of the rosary which will be recited half an hour before all masses during the week and on the weekend. Children are also encouraged to come along and recite the rosary.

**Holy Family Como one day retreat  
Adult Faith Formation on  
Discipleship and the Sacraments**

Father Greg Donovan will be presenting an Adult Faith Formation session on Discipleship and the Sacraments. This is a one-day retreat at our Parish on **Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 9am-3pm in the Parish Hall.**

If you are interested in this session, please leave your name and details on the list in the Church foyer. For catering purposes during the day could you please bring along morning tea and lunch to share.

**ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS**

**KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS CATHEDRAL BRANCH –  
THE CATHOLIC GENTLEMEN'S CLUB**

Join us for the 6pm Vigil Mass, followed by a fully catered roast dinner and a guided tasting of premium single malt scotch whiskies presented by Dr Tiernan O'Rourke. **Saturday 26 August St Mary's Cathedral, Perth.** Dress code semi formal/business 18+ event. Tickets are \$60 per gentleman.

**Meditative Prayer in the Style of Taizé 2023 - TONIGHT**

Sisters of Saint Joseph Chapel, 16 York St, South Perth 7–8pm. Chapel doors open at 6.30pm. Invite your friends and pray in a relaxing, meditative way (bring a torch) Enquiries: Sr Maree Riddler rsj. Phone: 0414683926 Email: [maree.riddler@sosj.org.au](mailto:maree.riddler@sosj.org.au)

**70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – BILLINGS LIFE - NATURAL  
FAMILY PLANNING**

Billings LIFE warmly invite you to join the Perth celebration to mark the 70th Anniversary of the beginning of Dr John Billings' research in Natural Family Planning. **Saturday 26 August 9am Mass, St Joseph Pignatelli Parish, 40 Galloway Street, Attadale,** followed by morning tea. For catering purposes please RSVP to Mandie Bowen to [bnfpwa@westnet.com.au](mailto:bnfpwa@westnet.com.au).

*"What type of faith is great." Our faith is great when we bring our wounded past to Jesus's feet, "asking Him to heal it, to give it meaning." Each one of us has our own story, a story that is often difficult, filled with pain, misfortunes, and sins. "What do I do with my story, do I hide it?" No, instead, "We must bring it to the Lord," with the prayer, "Lord, if You will it, You can heal me."*  
**Pope Francis**

**"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.

**9 of 12 Safeguarding Messages:**  
*Parents, create a 'safe word' for your family. When they are away from home, they can phone you, say the word, and you know you need to go and pick them up.*

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

## GOSPEL Reflection

### Outsiders

The Gospel reading for this Sunday challenges us to examine our tendency to judge others. The Canaanite woman had two reasons why the disciples might have judged her as unworthy of Jesus' attention: her gender and nationality. Of course, Jesus was there as Savior for the whole world, but the disciples didn't know it yet. To stretch their minds (and ours), Jesus waited for the Canaanite woman's faith to become so obvious that it would overshadow every limitation that had been imposed upon her. For Jesus, the only outsider is someone who refuses to come into the kingdom of God. But we don't readily think like this. Our Church is full of people who have been misjudged. Many feel outcast. We easily jump to wrong conclusions about each other.

For example, how readily do you greet the people near you in the pew if you don't know them? How comfortable are you about engaging in friendly conversation after Mass someone who looks unhappy? Does your parish make it easy for single parents to come to extra activities at church by providing free babysitters? If you're divorced, do you assume that others are deliberately excluding you? That too is usually a misjudgment. Judging our fellow Christians causes them to suffer. It also allows unmet needs to continue in the Church, because the giftedness of the judged is being rejected. But if we remain conscious of our own tendencies to react to others with assumptions and judgments, we have the power to choose to be Christ for them and to receive Christ from them.

**FAITH**  
Working  
Through Love



**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home, the Oikos of God. This year we will unite around the theme, "Let Justice and Peace Flow." The Season Celebration begins 1st September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.



## ARCHDIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has a number of employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church.

For details, refer to:

<https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/employment.htm>.

- Administration Officer, Episcopal Services – Permanent, Full-Time ([listed on SEEK](#))
- Catholic Youth Ministry: Coordinator, Faith Formation – Fixed Term (12 Months), Full-Time ([listed on SEEK](#))
- IMMEDIATE START: Assistant, Research (Parish Renewal) – Fixed Term, Part-Time (apply direct to [recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au))

## KIDS' CORNER

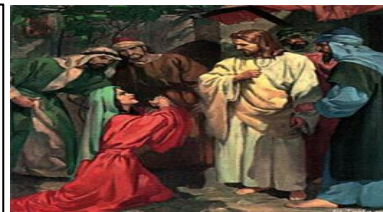
Jesus and Canaanite  
woman  
(Mt 15:21-28)



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### 20TH SUN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus was well known around Jerusalem and in Galilee, so sometimes he made trips to places outside Palestine, where the people did not know him. On one of these trips, Jesus met a Canaanite woman and was struck by the strength of her belief.

### LET US PRAY

O God, make our faith in you as strong as that of the Canaanite woman because we believe in you and know that your word is true.



## ROSTERS

|   |                                | Saturday<br>6:00 pm                  | Sunday<br>8:30 am                          | Sunday<br>10:00 am        |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| <b>COMMENTATOR/READER</b>                 |                                |                                      |  |                           |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> August | 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord | Helen Mason                          | Peter Messer                               | Fiona Wee                 |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> August | 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ord | Dimitrio Sidi                        | Susannah Robinson                          | Reginald Thevanayagam     |
| <b>ACOLYTE</b>                            |                                |                                      |  |                           |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> August | 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord | Hasan Sidi                           | Shajy Vadukoot                             | Leo Burke                 |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> August | 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ord | Daniel Bianchini                     | Bill Staude                                | Tony Bray                 |
| <b>ALTAR SERVER</b>                       |                                |                                      |  |                           |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> August | 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord | Edith Johnston<br>Nicolas Willey     | Palak Vadukoot<br>Evelyn Newman            | Bryan Chong<br>Shiori Ong |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> August | 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ord | Raegan Tanuwidjaja<br>Nicolas Willey | Dinuli<br>Kariyakarawana<br>Patrick Newman | Andy Yip<br>Mary-Jane Yip |
| <b>CHOIR</b>                              |                                |                                      |  |                           |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> August | 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord | Annalise (Pianist)                   | Holy Family Choir                          | Sanctus Choir             |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> August | 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ord | Annalise (Pianist)                   | Holy Family Choir                          | D'Cantor Choir            |

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