

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

Funerals, Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment – Please contact the office

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIphon

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING

Corinthians 1: 10-13.17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and Instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Sunday, 25th January 2026

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 4: 12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James, son of Zebedee, and his brother John: they were in their boat their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

COMMUNION ANTIphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

St Paul's Sunday Missal
St Paul's Publications –
2012 Popular Edition

Next Sunday's Readings:

3rd Sunday in Ord Time Yr A

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Psalm 145:7-10

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Matthew 5:1-12

PARISH WEEK AHEAD 26th January – 1st February 2026

Monday 26th January

Australia Day

9.00am Mass

9.30am Morning Tea in the Hall



Tuesday 27th January

9.00am Mass

Wednesday 28th January

9.00am Mass

Thursday 29th January

9.00am Mass

9.30am -10.30am Adoration

Friday 30th January

9.00am Mass

Saturday 31st January

5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Mass

Sunday 1st February

4th Sunday in Ordinary time

8.30am Mass (Morning Tea)

10.00am Mass (Morning Tea)

AUSTRALIA DAY MORNING TEA

There will be morning after the 9am Australia Day Mass on Monday. Come along for a cuppa and a chat.

UPCOMING LITURGIES

Ash Wednesday – 18th February

Mass to be celebrated at 9.00am and 7.00pm in the evening.

Stations of the Cross

Will start Friday 20th February at 7.00pm and will continue every Friday during the season of Lent.

St Patrick's Day – 17th March 9am

St Joseph – 19th March 9am

Annunciation of the Lord – 25th March 9am

Palm Sunday – 29th March

Good Friday – 3rd April

Easter Sunday - 5th April

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We extend a very warm welcome to visitors and new parishioners to our Parish in 2026. Please introduce yourself to Father Dat after Mass. If you are joining our Parish, please complete a Parishioner Information Form available in the foyer.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

Parents are invited to enrol their children in our Sacramental Program for 2026. Enrolment forms are in the foyer and when complete, can be placed in the collection. Please submit your forms by 1st February 2026.

SUNDAY MORNING TAI CHI: MOVE, PRAY, RENEW

Start your Sunday with gentle movement and quiet reflection. We're offering a Tai Chi session every Sunday at 7am, beginning 1st February 2026, for parishioners aged 40 and above. This free class (limited to 10 participants) focuses on improving mobility, balance, and wellbeing, and will begin with prayer and a short reflection. Led by our own Kuatrinnus Jay Wijaya. It's a wonderful way to care for both body and spirit before Mass. All are welcome; come and begin your Sunday refreshed.

DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD MASS

The sacredness of every human life will be celebrated at a special Mass on

Saturday 7 March at 10:00am

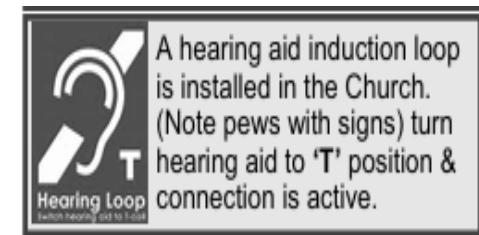
at St Mary's Cathedral.

Prayers of hope and healing will be offered for all who have lost a child.

There will also be an opportunity to place a flower at the foot of the Altar in

honour of all unborn children or in remembrance of your own child/ren.

For additional information, please call Leigh or Lisette on 9328 2929.



MASS INTENTIONS: All Holy Family Parishioners

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, Paddy Embry, 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, Carmel, Msgr Brian O'Loughlin, Rosa Canada, Sarah, Molly, Fred, Patrick, Louise, Chris, Sanjana & family, Andrew, Aura Diego, Familia Becerra, Famia Cerinca, Annemarie MacPherson, Barbara Kenny, David Tiley, Margaret Abbott, Joshua, Serafini Family, Jessie Amphlett, Cain Family, Howard Evans, Regina & Linda, Beverley Loraine, Jono, Gina & Brian, Fr Carroll, Maria O'Connor, Albert, Carmel, Julie, Anna Alfonso, Jessie S, Mario Gomez, Caitlin Von Witt, Melissa Arthena, Chris Lowry, Aldrin Ong, Adrian Ong, Kaye, Anastasia, Ashot, Tamara, Rita Anderson, Melissa Arthena, Mervin & Jenni Yap, Wang Ming Wei, Lachlan, James Chandler, Lachlan, Sucich family, Maureen & Beiam McCormack, Enzo Troisi, Natasha, Marie H, Jean, Antonette & George, Declan & Family, Eric Granucci, Trevor Fonty, Steve Ford, Aiden Cooper, Ian Wood, Rosina Renzullo, John Joyce, Richard Newman, Beryl Northey, John Cowell, Liz Mulcahy, Kelley H

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.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel from today's liturgy narrates the call of the first disciples who, along the lake of Galilee leave everything to follow Jesus. He had already met some of them, thanks to John the Baptist, and God had placed the seed of faith within them. So now, Jesus goes back to look for them where they live and work. The Lord always looks for us. The Lord always draws near to us, always. This time, he extends a direct call to them: "Follow me!". And "immediately they left their nets and followed him". Let's take a moment to reflect on this scene. This is the moment of a decisive encounter with Jesus one they would remember their entire lives and would be included in the Gospel. From then on, they follow Jesus. And in order to follow him, they leave. To leave so as to follow. And it is always like this with Jesus. It can begin in some way with a sense of attraction, perhaps due to others. Then the awareness can become more personal and can kindle a light in the heart. It becomes something beautiful to share: "You know that passage from the Gospel struck me.... That service opportunity I had struck me..." – something that touches your heart. This is what happened with the first disciples. But sooner or later, the moment comes in which it is necessary to leave so as to follow. That is when it is necessary to make a decision: Shall I leave behind some certainties and embark on a new adventure, or shall I remain like I am? This is a decisive moment for every Christian because the meaning of everything else is at stake here. If someone does not find the courage to set out on the journey, the risk is to remain a spectator of one's own existence and to live the faith halfway. To stay with Jesus, therefore, requires the courage to leave, to set out on the journey. What must we leave behind? Our vices and our sins, certainly, which are like anchors that hold us at bay and prevent us from setting sail. To begin to leave, it is only right that we begin by asking forgiveness – forgiveness for the things that are not beautiful. I leave these things behind to move forward. But it is also necessary to leave behind what holds us back from living fully, for example, fear, selfish calculations, the guarantees that come from staying safe, just getting by. In short, to live life, we need to accept the challenge to leave. Today, Jesus extends this invitation to each of us. So, I leave you with a question about this. Can I remember a "strong moment" in which I have already encountered Jesus? And, is there something beautiful and significant that happened in my life because of which I left other less important things? And today, is there something Jesus asks me to give up? What are the material things, ways of thinking, attitudes I need to leave behind so as to truly say "yes"?

Pope Francis, 22.1.23 Angelus, Saint Peter's Square

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) invites you to observe the **International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking on the 8th February**

This day was designated by Pope Francis following a request from Talitha Kum, the International Network of Consecrated Life Against Human Trafficking. The day also commemorates the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of victims of modern slavery, and calls all people of faith and goodwill to pray, reflect and act to end human trafficking and modern slavery. Email: wacmro@perthcatholic.org.au or visit [ACRATH](http://www.acrath.org)

>Your marriage deserves this weekend

Every marriage needs time to pause, reconnect, and grow. The **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Live-Out Weekend** (Bahasa Indonesia) offers couples a special opportunity to step away from daily routines and rediscover the joy, depth, and grace of married life. This weekend is not group therapy or counselling, it's a gentle, faith-based experience that helps couples listen more deeply, communicate more openly, and renew their commitment to one another. Many couples describe it as a chance to *reconnect, rediscover, and renew* their love. If you're married, whether you've been married several years or for many decades, this weekend is for you. Consider giving your marriage this gift of time, reflection, and grace.



14–15 March 2026



Mary MacKillop Centre, South Perth



Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/wemeperthindoA3>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES - CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team. For details refer to our parish noticeboard or <https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm>

KIDS' CORNER



THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS IN RECESS UNTIL THE START OF SCHOOL IN FEBRUARY 2026.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

It is important to remember that Jesus was a very special person, an extraordinary man. Today we hear him ask some fishermen to leave their boats, nets, homes and families to follow his. The remarkable thing is, that's just what they did.

Let us Pray

Jesus, help us to listen when you ask us to follow you. Make us strong enough to walk beside you each day. Help us to share your love with others that we meet, so that we too, lead people to follow you.

James and John were fishermen. Jesus met them and said, "Come after me, I will make you fishers of men." They stopped fishing and followed Jesus.

WEEKEND ROSTER

		Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.00am
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COMMENTATOR/READER

24 th /25 th January	3 rd Sunday in Ord	C. Imelda Loviyanti R. Carolyn Watson EMHC Margaret Loraine	C. Peter Messer R. Annette Newman EMHC Sible Rozario	C. Tony Pires R. Breda Pires EMHC Marek Tocylowski
31 st Jan/1 st Feb	4 th Sunday in Ord	C. Dimitri Sidi R. Helen Mason EMHC Christine Sidi	C. Geraldine Taylor R. Lyn Hope-Hume EMHC Jill Browne	C. Cecilia Yap R. Cecilia Bray EMHC Grace Tocylowski
7 th Feb/8 th Feb	5 th Sunday in Ord	C. Amanda Johnson R. Carolyn Watson EMHC Graham Johnson	C. Peter Messer R. Annette Newman EMHC Murray Rosenberg	C. Shanthi Dias R. Pascal Yip EMHC Patricia Cowley

ACOLYTES

24 th /25 th January	3 rd Sunday in Ord	Dimitrio Sidi	Michael Taylor	James Chong
31 st Jan/1 st Feb	4 th Sunday in Ord	Dimitrio Sidi	John Newman	Leo Burke
7 th Feb/8 th Feb	5 th Sunday in Ord	Hasan Sidi	Shajy Vadukoot	Tony Bray

ALTAR SERVER

24 th /25 th January	3 rd Sunday in Ord	Noah Farla Raegan Tanywidjaja	Patrick Newman Evelyn Newman	Bryan Bain Jovan Halim
31 st Jan/1 st Feb	4 th Sunday in Ord	Dinuli Kariyakarawana Lahan Kariyakarawana	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
7 th Feb/8 th Feb	5 th Sunday in Ord	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed

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