

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



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

SUNDAY, 23RD AUGUST 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God how deep his wisdom and knowledge and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Ps 62:2-6, 8-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. **Alleluia!**

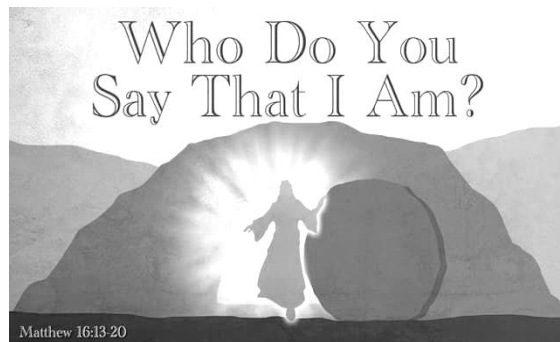
GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you', he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God'. Jesus replied, 'Simon, son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed that to you but my Father in heaven. So now I say to you: You are Peter and on this rock, I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



PLEASE TAKE BULLETIN HOME TO READ

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THE PARISH WEEK AHEAD

Monday 24th August

9.00am No Mass

Tuesday 25th August

9.00am Mass

Wednesday 26th August

9.00am Mass

Thursday 27th August

9.00am Mass

9.30am-10.30am Adoration

Friday 28th August

9.00am Mass

Saturday 29th August

11.00am Baptism

4.45-5.45 Confirmation Lessons (m1)

5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

7.00pm Healing Hands

Sunday 30th August

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am Mass (Morning Tea)

10.00am Mass (Morning Tea)

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Keith and Colleen Morgan will offer their Laying on of Hands service at the end of the Vigil Mass on Saturday 29th August this month, instead of the 4th Saturday of the Month. Anyone requiring their services prior to this date are requested to call Keith on 0408 134 935.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

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

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.



SEASON OF CREATION

LIVING WATER

Immersion in
Living Water

Ezekiel 47:9, 12

SEASON OF CREATION:

September 1st to October the 4th

A time to celebrate the beauty of God's Creation and how we can care for our common home. Our parish community is invited to participate in upcoming events with the support our Laudato Si ministry. For more information on how to participate during this season, please see the noticeboard in the foyer.

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.

**Could God be calling you to serve?
Consider putting your name
forward or encouraging someone
you know to do 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.

COUNTING MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

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

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

(RCIA) FAITH JOURNEY

Thinking of Becoming Catholic? Our Catholic community welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to come and listen to the story of Jesus. For more information, contact Geraldine Taylor on 0408 093 434

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.

POPE LEO XIV HOMILY
THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

It is with great joy that I celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption with you once again this year. The Magisterium of the Church teaches us that Mary “having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory” and points out to us, in this Mystery, the fulfillment of the most perfect grace that God bestowed upon her at her Immaculate Conception. For this reason, many works of art depict her as a beautiful young woman physically rising from the earth toward the heavens at the end of her earthly life. These works are inspired by the scene described in the passage from the Book of Revelation that we heard in the First Reading: “A woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet”, signifying that in Mary’s heart, heaven and earth, time and eternity, meet. The glorification of Mary, body and soul, teaches us that our true beauty does not lie in hiding the signs of aging, but in revealing the signs of love that never end, and are even impressed on our flesh. With this in mind, we are invited to reexamine many of the aesthetic standards, predominantly hedonistic and consumerist in nature, that the world imposes on us. These standards risk trapping us in burdensome expectations, causing us to waste precious energy on what does not really matter and does not last forever. In everyday life, we encounter people whose faces are marked by the years and by suffering, yet who are capable of radiating serenity, kindness and peace around them; just as we may observe others who are perhaps outwardly attractive but hard and cold at heart. It is easy to see where true beauty lies and where, on the other hand, there is still a need for conversion, forgiveness and healing.

Love is humanity’s most beautiful adornment. Love transfigures, transforms, ennobles and lifts us up, making us light, free and close to God, even amid life’s ups and downs. Reflecting on the mystery of the Assumption of the Virgin, Saint Paul VI said that to understand its meaning, “we must transform the terms we use in earthly and temporal language into superlative and absolute ones, to imagine the eternal on a small scale”. Regarding the encounter between the infinite and the finite in the Mother of God, Pope Francis wrote: “Mary was able to turn a stable into a home for Jesus, with poor swaddling clothes and an abundance of love”.

Dear friends, the beautiful face of Our Lady of the Assumption is unique; it transcends any possible representation, and yet, at the same time, is familiar to us. Even at this very moment, we can see her face in the people who are close to us, such as the brothers and sisters with whom, in faith, we share the daily offering of our lives. For this reason, the community of believers sees itself in the woman of the Book of Revelation, and the Second Vatican Council describes Mary as “the image and beginning of the Church, as a sign of sure hope and solace”. Let us follow the light of the Risen Lord, changing course if necessary. Let us do so, especially today, by looking to Mary, whom God has crowned with glory in body and soul, and whom he has given to us as Mother, guide, companion on our journey, and protector on the path to Heaven.

Pontifical Parish of Saint Thomas of Villanova (Castel Gandolfo)
Saturday 15 August 2026

Full Homily: www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/homilies/2026/documents/20260815-omelia-castelgandolfo.html

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

ANNUAL MARRIAGE DAY MASS

Couples celebrating a significant marriage milestone, and their families, are warmly invited to attend. At St Mary’s Cathedral on 29th August at 10.00am RSVP is essential
www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1593147
Register your significant anniversary (20, 25, 30, 40, 50+) to receive a certificate.
Registrations close Saturday 15 August.
The Mass will include a blessing for families, followed by light refreshments.

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING - COMMON GROUND FAITH EDUCATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

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

Common Ground is a space where Young Adults who share similar values and beliefs come together and belong. 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/>

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

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027
SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA**

Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime!

Join CYM as we journey to Seoul, South Korea for World Youth Day 2027 — a once in a lifetime opportunity to encounter faith, friendship, culture, and the global Church alongside millions of young people from around the world. Experience vibrant worship, inspiring speakers, unforgettable moments with pilgrims from every nation, and the excitement of discovering one of Asia’s most dynamic cities. Whether you’re seeking deeper purpose, lifelong friendships, or an unforgettable travel experience, WYD Seoul 2027 with CYM will be a life-changing pilgrimage you’ll never forget. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN

<https://forms.office.com/r/rygLHdBe5X>



Peter's Confession of Christ

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Matthew 16:15 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV)



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Everyone knew that Jesus was a very special person! They had seen him cure the sick and blind, feed the crowds with a few loaves and fish, and do many other marvelous things. Yet, when Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" only one person knew the answer..

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus, we believe that you are the son of God. Your love for us is so great, that you suffered and died for us. May the light of your love always burn brightly in our hearts.

CHRIST	EARTH	SON	PROPHETS	PEOPLE
BLESSED	KINGDOM	CHURCH	GATES	BAPTIST
LIVING	ROCK	FATHER	HADES	ELIJAH
JOHN	HEAVEN	PETER	KEYS	JEREMIAH

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22 nd / 23 rd August	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	C. Imelda Loviyanti R. Michelle Teo EMHC Marie Tiley	C. Lynne Newton R. Jacintu Vu EMHC. Murray Rosenberg	C. Fiona Wee R. Jennifer Low EMHC Marek Toczykowski
29 th /30 th August	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	C. Dimitrio Sidi R. Helen Mason EMHC Christina Sidi	C. Peter Messer R. Susannah Robinson EMHC Jill Browne	C. Cecilia Yap R. Michael Danager EMHC Patricia Crowley
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