

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



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

SUNDAY, 2ND AUGUST 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55: 1-3

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The hand of the Lord feels us, he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **R**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food'. Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves'. But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish'. Bring them here 'to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

1 Kings 19:9A, 11-13A

Psalms 85

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

PLEASE TAKE BULLETIN HOME TO READ

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THE PARISH WEEK AHEAD

Monday 3rd August

9.00am No Mass

Tuesday 4th August

9.00am Mass

Wednesday 5th August

9.00am Mass

Thursday 6th August

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

9.00am Mass

9.30am-10.30am Adoration

Friday 7th August

9.00am Mass

Saturday 8th August

9.00am Mass – St Mary of the Cross

5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9th August

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am Mass (Morning Tea)

10.00am Mass (Morning Tea)

UPCOMING SOLEMNITIES

St Mary of the Cross

Saturday 8th August

9.00am Mass

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day

Saturday 15th August

9.00am Mass

(The Assumption is a holy day of obligation, a day when Catholics have a duty to participate at the celebration of the Mass.)

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.

FATHER DAT ON ANNUAL LEAVE

Father Dat will be taking leave for the month of August. We welcome Father Stephen Ochola from the Cathedral, who will be conducting all masses throughout August. Please introduce yourself to Father and welcome him to our parish.

(RCIA) FAITH JOURNEY

Thinking of Becoming Catholic? Are you feeling called into a relationship with God? Are you searching for a faith community to call your own? Our Catholic community welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to come and listen to the story of Jesus. For more information, please contact Geraldine Taylor on 0408 093 434

HOLY FAMILY CARE

To be involved or seeking more information about this outreach ministry or know anymore who may need some care, please contact Rose on 0451 191 944 or the office staff.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

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

SCHOOL REFERENCES

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

COUNTING MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our counting ministry is seeking volunteers who can spare a couple of hours every fortnight to join a second team of counters.

Volunteers are needed on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings after mass to count and bank the weekend cash collections. Full training will be 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, Andrew Hammond, Aura Diego, Familia Becerra, Fania 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, Tom Core, Abin Davis, Aurelius Daniel, Anderson family, Vicki Sheppard, Cedric DeSouza, Lisa, Vincent Scanlan, Sanderson family, Anna Alfonso, Steve Ford, Samantha Wylie, Vanessa Moore, Troy Skopelitis, Eliora Wijaya, Sophie and James, Toczyłowski family, Jem, Carivan, Mary The, Marie and Shien Caguiat, Jasmin Cerillo, Michelle, Mason family, T Briggs, Liz Mulcahy, 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

PARISH SECURITY

Holy Family has installed CCTV security system to improve safety. Cameras cover the entry courtyard, foyer, church, and Thelma Street entry. Signage in place and recordings securely stored according to Archdiocese Safeguarding guidelines.



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.

This Sunday's Gospel presents to us the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. The scene takes place in a deserted place, where Jesus had retired with His disciples.

At sundown, the crowd was still present and the disciples, invited Jesus to send them away so that they could go and find something to eat. But He answered: "You give them something to eat". Jesus was well aware of what He was about to do, but He wanted to change their attitude: not to say, "send them away," "let them fend for themselves", but rather, "what does Providence offer us to share?" These are two opposite ways of behaving. And Jesus wants to bring them to the second way of behaving because the first proposal is that of the practical person but is not generous: "send them away so they can fend for themselves." Jesus wants to use this situation to educate His friends, both then and now, about God's logic. And what is God's logic that we see here? The logic of taking responsibility for others. Of not washing one's hands, the of not looking the other way. No. That "let them fend for themselves" should not enter into the Christian vocabulary.

As soon as one of the Twelve says. "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish", Jesus answers, "Bring them here to me". He takes the food in His hands, raises His eyes heavenward, recites the blessing and begins to break it and give the pieces to the disciples to hand out. And those loaves and fish did not run out; there was enough, and plenty left over for thousands of people. With this gesture, Jesus demonstrates His power; not in a spectacular way but as a sign of charity, of God the Father's generosity toward His weary and needy children. He is immersed in the life of His people, He understands their fatigue and their limitations, but He does not allow anyone to be lost, or to lose out: He nourishes them with His word and provides food in plenty for sustenance.

In this Gospel passage we can perceive a reference to the Eucharist, especially in the description of the blessing, the breaking of the bread, delivery to the disciples, and distribution to the people.

The compassion and tenderness that Jesus showed towards the crowds is not sentimentality, but rather the concrete manifestation of the love that cares for the people's needs.

Perhaps it would do us good today to ask ourselves: Do I feel compassion when I read news about war, about hunger. Do I feel compassion toward those people? Do I feel compassion toward the people who are near to me? Am I capable of suffering with them, or do I look the other way, or "they can fend for themselves"? Let us not forget this word "compassion," which is trust in the provident love of the Father, and means courageous sharing.

Pope Francis 02.08.20, Angelus, Saint Peter's Square

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK – VOCATIONS EXPO, 7 AUGUST 2026, 6PM – 8PM

Have you ever wondered where God might be calling you? As part of National Vocations Awareness Week, all are invited to the Vocations Expo on Friday, 7th August at the Cathedral Parish Centre. Meet priests, seminarians, religious sisters and brothers, married couples and Catholic organisations, enjoy interactive displays, conversation, wine and cheese, refreshments, and discover the many ways God calls us to serve.

Friday 7 August 6:00pm – 8:00pm St Mary's Cathedral Parish Centre, Perth Free event with a registration.

Register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/DNHOH>

WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT DAY – CALLED TO BE MORE?

Women aged 17–35+ are warmly invited to a day of prayer, reflection and conversation exploring God's call in their lives. Join other young women for inspiring talks by Sr Margaret Scharf, Dr Pina Ford and Tara Peters, Mass, quiet reflection and the opportunity to ask questions in a welcoming environment.

Saturday 15 August, 9.30am – 4pm Trinity College, East Perth Free event with a registration. Register at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DNFMQ>

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

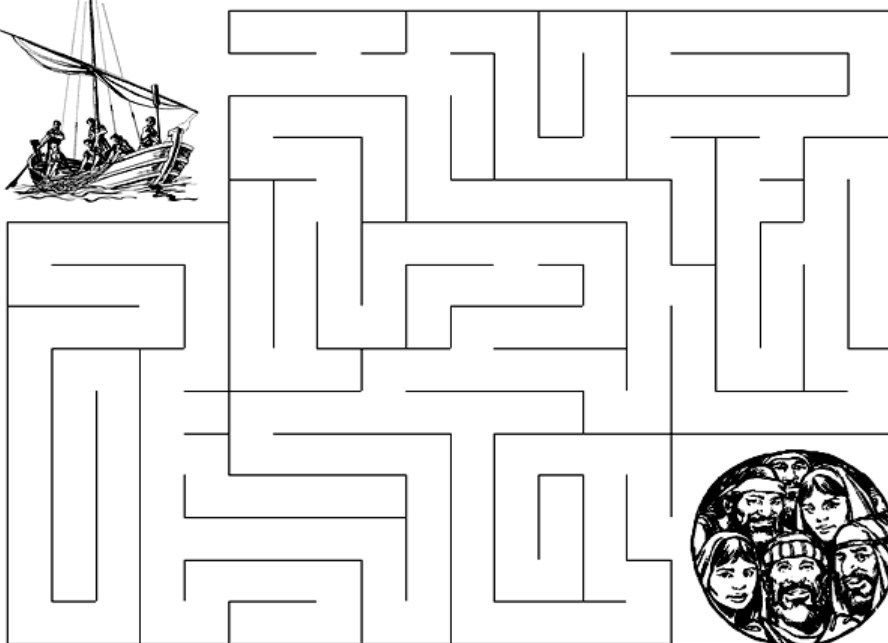
Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime!

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>



Jesus Feeds the Multitude



Through the power of God, Jesus was able to share five loaves and two fish with a crowd of five thousand people. Today he shares himself with us through the Eucharist, the bread of everlasting life.

LET US PRAY

Jesus, help us to share whatever we have with others and not to be greedy in any way. As we remember our brothers and sisters in other countries who have no food, We pray that the rest of the world will learn to share, too, so that the world can be a happier place.

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		SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.30AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
COMMENTATOR / READER				
1 st / 2 nd August	18 th Sunday in Ordinary time	C. Kimberly De Souza R. Sean De Souza EMHC Christina Sidi	C. Jill Browne R. Geraldine Taylor EMHC Lyn Hope-Hume	C. Pascal Yip R. Jennifer Low EMHC Vicki Ha
8 th / 9 th August	Transfiguration of the Lord	C. Carolyn Watson R. Amanda Johnson EMHC Helen Mason	C. Jacinta Vu R. Ralph Newton EMHC Murray Rosenberg	C. Henry De Silva R. Cecilia Bray EMHC Breda Pires
ACOLYTES				
1 st / 2 nd August	18 th Sunday in Ordinary time	Hasan Sidi	Michael Taylor	Leo Burke
8 th / 9 th August	Transfiguration of the Lord	John Newman	Shajy Vadukoot	Tony Bray

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