

# 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

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

By my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me,  
for the sake of your name.

### FIRST READING

*Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be Godless he has given no one permission to sin.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R.** Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

### SECOND READING

*Corinthians 2:6-10*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God pre-destined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 5:17-37*

Jesus said to his disciples: `Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

`For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. `You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny. `You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery.' But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. `It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. `Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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

### Next Sunday's Readings:

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - Yr A**

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Ps 50: 3-6, 12-14, 17  
Romans 5: 12-19 / Matthew 4: 1-11

**PARISH WEEK AHEAD  
16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February**  
9.00am No Mass

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**  
9.00am Mass

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
9.00am Mass  
7.00pm Mass

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
9.00am Mass  
9.30am -10.30am Adoration

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February**  
9.00am Mass  
7.00pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February**  
5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation  
6.00pm Mass

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
8.30am Mass (Morning Tea)  
10.00am Mass (Morning Tea)



**Ash Wednesday**  
- 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 -  
Distribution of ashes will take place during Mass at 9.00am and 7.00pm

**RCIA FAITH JOURNEY**

*“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch become tender and puts forth its leaves, to know that summer is near”  
(Matthew 24:32)*

The Catholic faith tradition also uses symbolic language to express spiritual relationships. Like to journey deeper? There will be an enquiry night at Holy Family Como on Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in meeting room 1. Please contact our Pastoral Assistant, Yunita Lay on 0485506152

**UPCOMING LITURGIES**

**Stations of the Cross**

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

**Lunar New Year** – 21<sup>st</sup>/ 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**St Patrick's Day** – 17<sup>th</sup> March 9.00am

**2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation** – 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm

**St Joseph** – 19<sup>th</sup> March 9.00am

**Annunciation of the Lord** – 25<sup>th</sup> March 9.00am

**Palm Sunday** – 29<sup>th</sup> March

**The Lords Supper** – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7.00pm

**Good Friday** – 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Stations of the cross 10am – Passion of the Lord 3.00pm

**Easter Sunday** - 5<sup>th</sup> April

**A LENTEN REFLECTION WITH MARY**



WE INVITE  
PARISH PASTORAL  
COUNCIL MEMBERS  
&  
ALL PARISHIONERS

Presented by Bishop Sproxtton & the Parish Renewal Team  
Date: Saturday 14 March 2026  
Time: 10.30am - 2.30pm  
Venue: St Columba's Catholic Church  
25 Forrest Street SOUTH PERTH  
RSVP: 7 March via website or email  
parishrenewal@perthcatholic.org.au

**KEYBOARD / PIANO LESSONS**

Anyone who is already learning to play the piano/keyboard and would be interested in learning to play some hymns, is invited to contact me for free assistance and sheet music to practise.  
Kerry – Music Ministry 0407320356

**SUNDAY MORNING QIGONG (TAI CHI): MOVE, PRAY, RENEW**

Start your Sunday with gentle movement and quiet reflection. We're offering a Qigong session every Sunday at 7 am, for parishioners aged 40 and above. The first session was very well received, with 8 participants already attending, leaving only a couple of places remaining from the maximum of 10. This free class focuses on improving mobility, balance, and wellbeing, and will begin with prayer and a short reflection. Led by our own Kuatrinuss Jay Wijaya, it's a wonderful way to care for both body and spirit before Mass. Come and begin your Sunday refreshed.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

All parishioners of Holy Family

**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, Aria, David Rowe, Sanjana & family, Andrew, Aura Diego, Familia Becerra, Famia Cerinca, Annemarie MacPherson, Barbara Kenny, David Tiley, Margaret Abbott, Joshua, Serafini Family, Cain Family, 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, 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 O'Connell, Liz Mulcahy, Kelley H, Ambiq Salavantra, Bob Peruc, Mark

**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**

Mark Ferroa 0425454763  
Breda Pires 0422237261



In the spirit of welcoming new parishioners to our parish, we encourage our regular Mass attendees to please find seats closer to the Altar to give more room for new visitors or people entering the church after mass has begun, to find seats without too much distraction.



**REMINDER:** If you have a direct debit for your planned giving, please ensure you have changed to the new account numbers below. Thank you.

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1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION**

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In the Gospel of today's liturgy, Jesus says: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfil". To fulfil: this is a key word to understand Jesus and his message. But what does this fulfilment mean? To explain, the Lord begins by saying what is not fulfilment. The Scripture says, "Do not kill", but for Jesus this is not enough if brothers are then hurt by words; the Scripture says, "Do not commit adultery", but this is not enough if one then lives a love tainted by duplicity and falsehood; the Scripture says, "Do not bear false witness". This is not fulfilment.

God loves us first, freely, taking the first step towards us, without us deserving it; and so, we cannot celebrate his love without in our turn taking the first step towards reconciliation with those who have hurt us. In this way there is fulfilment in God's eyes, otherwise external, purely ritualistic observance is pointless, it becomes a pretence. In other words, Jesus makes us understand that religious rules are necessary, they are good, but they are only the beginning: to fulfil them, it is necessary to go beyond the letter and live their meaning.

The commandments that God has given us must not be locked up in the airless vaults; otherwise, we are limited to an exterior, detached religiosity, servants of "God the Master" rather than children of "God the Father". Jesus wants this: not to have the idea of serving a God the Master, but the Father; and this is why it is necessary to go beyond the letter. This problem was present not only in Jesus' time; it is there today too. At times, we hear it said, "Father, I have not killed, I have not stolen, I have not harmed anyone...", as if to say, "I am fine". This is formal observance, which is satisfied with the bare minimum, whereas Jesus invites us to aspire to the maximum possible. That is: God does not reason with calculations and tables; he loves us as one who is enamoured: not to the minimum, but to the maximum! He does not say, "I love you up to a certain point". No, true love is never up to a certain point and is never satisfied; love always goes beyond, one cannot do without.

The Lord showed us this by giving his life on the cross and forgiving his murderers.

So, we might ask ourselves: how do I live faith? Is it a matter of calculations, formalism, or a love story with God? Am I content merely with not doing harm, of keeping the "façade" in good order, or do I try to grow in love for God and others? And every now and then, do I check myself on Jesus' great commandment, do I ask myself if I love my neighbour as He loves me? Because perhaps we are inflexible in judging others and forget to be merciful, as God is with us.

*Pope Francis, 12.02.23 Angelus, Saint Peter's Square*



**ARCHDIOCEAN NEWS**

**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.

📅 14–15 March 2026

📍 Mary MacKillop Centre, South Perth

🔗 Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/wemep PerthindoA3>

**KIDS' CORNER**

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**6TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME**

When Moses was leading God's people through the desert, God gave them ten rules or commandments to help the people to live in God's way. Today we hear Jesus reminding his followers of these "rules for life".

**Let us Pray**

God our father, help us to keep your commandments written on our hearts.

## WEEKEND ROSTER

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 8.30am

Sunday 10.00am

### COMMENTATOR/READER

14<sup>th</sup> Feb/15<sup>th</sup> Feb

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord

C. Carolyn Watson  
R. Dimitrio Sidi  
EMHC Christina Sidi

C. Lynne Newton  
R. Ralph Newton  
EMHC Rose Hart

C. Cecilia Bray  
R. Pascale Tin  
EMHC Carem Carrasco

21<sup>st</sup> Feb/22<sup>nd</sup> Feb

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

C. Frank Giannini  
R. Carolyn Watson  
EMHC Graham Johnson

C. Jacinta Wu  
R. Susannah Robinson  
EMHC Marie Tiley

C. Pascale Tin  
R. Fiona Wee  
EMHC Vicki Ha

### ACOLYTES

14<sup>th</sup> Feb/15<sup>th</sup> Feb

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord

Hasan Sidi

Michael Taylor

James Chong

21<sup>st</sup> Feb/22<sup>nd</sup> Feb

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Dimitrio Sidi

John Newman

Leo Burke

### ALTAR SERVER

14<sup>th</sup> Feb/15<sup>th</sup> Feb

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord

No Servers

Patrick Newman  
Evelyn Newman

Martina Teran-Carrasco  
Samanatha Teran-Carrasco

21<sup>st</sup> Feb/22<sup>nd</sup> Feb

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Noah Faria  
Hugh Morris

Claudia Taylor-Beard  
Leo Newman

Ethan George  
Saheli D'Silva

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We have many items currently in the Lost Property Box at reception. Sunglasses, reading glasses, water bottle, a pair of children's thongs, hats, caps and a watch. We also have a set of keys. If you think you have lost something at church, please have a look in the box because it may be yours.

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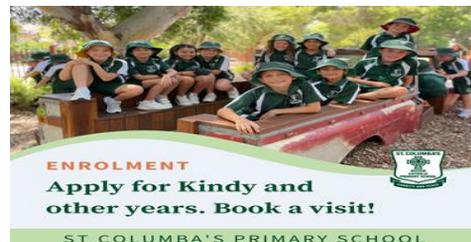


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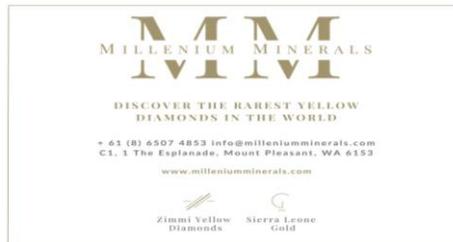
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