Holy Family Como Bulletin

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2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Year B

Sunday 7th April 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING

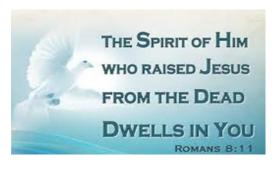
John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who have been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!



GOSPEL

The Liturgy of the Word

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear or the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, `Peace be with you.' ` As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: `Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe'. Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, `Put your fingers here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him; 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There are many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and believing this you may have life through his name.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15,17-19 Psalm 4:2,4,7,9 1 John 2:1-5 Luke 24:35-48

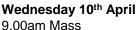
8th - 14th APRIL 2024

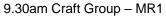
Monday 8th April

The Annunciation of the Lord

9.00am Mass

Tuesday 9th April 9.00am Mass





Thursday 11th April

9am Mass

9.30am - 10.30am Adoration

Friday 12th April 9am Mass

Saturday 13th April

1pm-4pm Ukulele Group - Hall 5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation

6pm Mass

Sunday 14th April 3rd Sunday of Easter

8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

10.30-12pm RCIA Sessions - Hall

There will be mass this Monday morning 8th April at 9.00am for The Annunication of the Lord.



Weekly

PARISH COUNTERS NEEDED

Our parish needs cash counters to help total the weekend collection after the 10am Mass on Sundays. If you can volunteer, there will be a training session after Mass this Sunday 7th

and next Sunday 14th April. We would really appreciate

your assistance. Please call the Parish Office on 94505921 or email como@perthcatholic.org.au to



COLLECTION TAP AND GO MACHINES IN THE FOYER

1ST and 2ND

advise your interest! Thank you.

Each machine is marked as 1st and 2nd collection and you need to tap each machine, selecting the amount you wish to offer. There are two (2) cash chutes next to each machine which can be used as cash drops for each collection.

These tap and go machines do not replace the 1st and 2nd collections taken during the weekend mass.

PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS via DIRECT DEBIT

We still offer the option of direct debit for both 1st & 2nd collection:

1ST Collection supports the priest BSB 086 006

A/C number 181363301

2nd Collection supports the parish BSB 036 050 A/C number 790041

Reference: Your Initial and Surname

Any queries related to Planned Giving should be directed to the Parish Office.



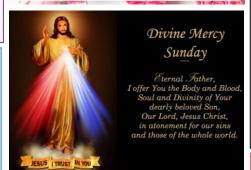
To everyone in the parish who helped make the Easter Season such a joyful and spiritual celebration. Your time and effort is very much appreciated. We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated group of volunteers who give so freely of their time and talents.

MOTHERS DAY IS COMING SUNDAY, 12TH MAY Raffle tickets are now available 1 for \$2 3 for \$5 8 for \$10 20 for \$20

Get in quick to win 1 of 5 prizes To be drawn after 10am Mass 5th May

There is a number raffle, and you could win a bottle of whiskey and Rum

There will also be a Mother's Day stall, so come along to buy something nice for Mum



JOIN THE CHOIR

SINGERS & MUSICIANS NEEDED If you have a spirit of praise and a song in your heart, then our parish is looking for you to be part of our choirs during the weekend masses. If you are interested, please 47

contact the office on 94505921 or email como@perthcatholic.org.au

CRAFT AND FELLOWSHIP

Come along every Wednesday from 9.30am-12.00pm in meeting room 1. This friendly group meets weekly throughout the year so bring along your craft projects and a friend, or no projects at all. You can pop in any time and leave early if you need to. Come for a chat, a cuppa & a biscuit, with good conversation and fellowship, all for just

On 93671301 or email patriciacowley.au@gmail.com

Please call Patricia Cowley 3

50c. For more information

MASS INTENTIONS:

For all members of the Sacred Heart Sodality past and present

Recently Deceased: Peter Lee

If you would like a mass offered, please pass your offering envelope to Father before mass on the day. Father will read out the names at the beginning of Mass.

Residents, Stella & Family, Reamae

David, Mary Colladel, Dragutin

THE POWER OF PRAYER Norah Langshaw, Waminda

Markovic, Maureen Galligan, Daisy Givens, Nadia O'Brien, Mary & Ben Bianchini, John & Mary Hippolite, Joy & Reg Groutsch, Ed Devereux, Heather Jordan, Anne Marie MacPherson, Serafini Family, Helen Lau, Robyn Edwards, Michelle Teo, Gwenyth, Anna Alfonso, Sandra Vernie, Evan Pemberty, Enzo Varriale, Colin Isaac, Josie Staude, Rita Anderson, Lachlan, Elyse, Holly,

Patrick, Angela Rosalind Nunis, Ng Choon Bee, Ng Chai Hong, Caroline, Wayne, Ethan, Liam, Scarlett, Reg, May, Michael and Nadia, Arthur, Adrian, Brad and Holly, Gimshi and

Leo Fernando, Edith Johnson, Bernard Wood, Flora Wood, Emma Osnain

If you would like to add someone to the list, please write their name on the form in the church foyer. The names will be added to the list for one month.

In the eRecord edition #473 (14-3-24) there is an article about Father Dat's installation Mass. If you would like to read the article, please visit the link

https://therecord.com.au/news/local/n ew-parish-priest-for-como/

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. 3 of 12 Safeguarding Messages:

Our private body parts are covered by our bathers. Our mouth is private too. This message is placed at the request of the Safeguarding Office of the Perth Archdiocese.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today we hear of one of the final recorded encounters between the risen Christ and his followers. They are locked away out of fear. In that state, Jesus comes and stands among them. The disciples expressed fear for their particular reasons, but we all sit in places of fear and darkness at one point or another. We all bear the weight of sin; both our own or others and so experience life in a diminished way. As we move through this season, we are being asked to reflect and find anew the meaning of Easter. The resurrection of Christ is a victory over all that the crucifixion represents. Jesus' death on the cross represents the worst of humanity, injustice, and fear. Moreover, the cross represents the cost of such things, the cost of sin as it were. Jesus' resurrection is God's transformation of such things to places of healing, light, and life. Twice in the reading Jesus states, 'Peace be with you' and, recalling earlier dialogue from John's Gospel, it is peace of a profound kind. Further, the encounter of the risen Christ is transformative. When Jesus 'breaks in' to their midst, the disciples experience joy and, further, receive the breath of Christ: the Holy Spirit which allows them to, in turn, 'break out' from their place of fear and hiding and bring this very experience of Christ to the world. We have doubt. It is well known that John's Gospel is the last written of the four of the New Testament. Its final form was written after the first-generation Christians had passed and the audience of such a gospel message do not have the luxury of 'first-hand experience'. They, like us, are relying heavily on the witness of others that have come before. Like Thomas, we can find ourselves in a similar position. We have heard the testimony; we have some understanding of it all. Based on that, we would like to believe that Christ, the presence of God found fully human, has entered into the reality of sin and has emerged victorious. But such belief is not always easy. We doubt for all sorts of reasons. Is the Risen Christ legitimate? Is this power of God real? Perhaps even more poignantly, we might ask, 'Is this Christ for me'? The answer to such questions in the words of Christ, the witness of the first followers is 'yes'! We are invited to put shape to our doubt and seek the risen Christ more fully. However, the encounter we must seek is one of faith. Thus, like those first disciples, as the season of Easter unfolds, may we find ourselves surprised by the risen Christ's presence and experience the great joy and peace that only God can give.

Pastoral Liturgy, Vol. 54, Iss. 2 [2024], Art. 1 Part Reflection by Joe Tedesco

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

WOMEN OF THE SCRIPTURES

Women of the Scriptures – How Jesus' life was influenced and touched by the ordinary lives of the women he encountered in his ministry. Thursday 11 April 9am to 3pm, Nano Nagle Centre, 6 Reserve Street, Claremont. Presenter: Sr Catherine Warner pbvm. Cost: \$50.00 Further info; pmegan@iinet.net.au.

NEW NORCIA VOCATIONS DAY

'Vocations Day' on Saturday, 13 April.

An opportunity for young (and youngish), single Catholic men and women to reflect upon their own calling in life. There will be 4 guest speakers who will share about apostolic religious life with a tour of the monastery, and lunch in the guesthouse. The event is free of charge for single Catholics aged between 18 and 40. Bookings made online at: https://shop.newnorcia.com.au/collections/special-items/products/vocational-discernment-day-for-ages-18-40-april-13-2024.

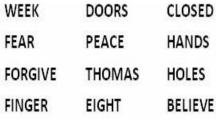
The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the Days of Prayer and Contemplation. Tuesday 30 April at 10am Kilmolee at Safety Bay, 182 Arcadia Drive Safety Bay. RSVP by Friday 26 April. \$20 or donation. Contact Sr Dianne Colborne 9527 3240 or Email: safety.bay@sosj.org.au Arrive for morning tea at 9.30am. Session starts at 10am and concludes at 1.00pm with a light lunch provided.

EVERY THURSDAY - MUSIC AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

1.05pm, St Mary's Cathedral, Perth half-hour music recital – a perfect opportunity to escape the busyness of the day for half an hour for some prayerful, reflective music. Admission free, all welcome. For more information contact Jacinta on 92231377 or email music.cathedral@perthcatholic.org.au

KIDS" CORNER

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Will be in recess over the school holidays.
Returning Sunday, 21st March



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY

Sometimes people use the saying, "seeing is believing" to mean that it is easier to believe something when you have seen it with your eyes than not. Thomas would not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing for himself.





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