

# Holy Family Como Bulletin



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**Reconciliation:** 5.30pm Saturday **Baptisms, Marriage & Funerals:** By appointment Only

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## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year A Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023 The Liturgy of the Word

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.



#### Next Sunday's Readings 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Ps 63:2-6, 8-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

# HOLY FAMILY DIARY

27<sup>th</sup> August -2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August**

No Mass

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

9.00am Mass

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

9.00am Mass

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

9.00am Mass

9.30am Adoration

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

9.00am Mass (*Change of Time*)

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

6.00pm Mass

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

*Father's Day*

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Mass – Morning tea

10.00am Mass – Morning tea



## FATHER'S DAY Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Raffle is drawn today  
after 10am Mass

Tickets

1 for \$2      3 for \$5  
8 for \$10     20 for \$20

Get in quick to win 1 of 4  
hampers.



## MASS OFFERING

Mass Intentions – Kevin Loke

Recently Deceased – Dr Donald Barrett

The Power of Prayer list is now on the noticeboard. If you would like someone's name on the Power of Prayer, please write their name on the form in the church foyer and the list will be updated each week.



## Wedding Anniversaries August 2023

We congratulate the following parishioners celebrating their anniversaries this month:

Betty & Des **Leggett**  
Amelia & Jared **Graves**  
Patricia & David **Cowley**  
Grazyna & Marek **Toczyłowski**  
Julie & Dominic **Palumbo**

God bless you all on your special day



## PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIME FOR FRIDAYS

Mass time on Fridays will change to  
9.00am



## Rosary



Everybody is welcome to join in for special devotion of the rosary which will be recited half an hour before each mass during the week and on the weekend. Children are also encouraged to come along and recite the rosary.

## NEXT MORNING TEA FATHERS DAY Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September after each Mass.

Please bring a plate to share. The Ukulele Group will be playing on this day. Come along and enjoy some cheer and music.



## Holy Family Como one day retreat Adult Faith Formation on Discipleship and the Sacraments

Father Greg Donovan will be presenting an Adult Faith Formation session on Discipleship and the Sacraments. This is a one-day retreat at our Parish on  
**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 9am-3pm  
in the Parish Hall.**

If you are interested in this session, please leave your name and details on the list in the Church foyer. For catering purposes during the day could you please bring along morning tea and lunch to share.

*"There are always those who destroy unity and stifle prophecy, yet the Lord believes in us and he asks you: "Do you want to be a builder of unity? Do you want to be a prophet of my heaven on earth?" Brothers and sisters, let us be challenged by Jesus, and find the courage to say to him: "Yes, I do!"  
Pope Francis 2020*

## "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.

**10 of 12 Safeguarding Messages:**  
*Parents, talk to your children about safe and unsafe secrets*

This message is placed at the request of the Safeguarding Office of the Perth Archdiocese.

## CHURCH NOTICEBOARD

For more of what is happening around the Archdiocese or other Employment, please see the Notice board in the foyer

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2023-24

## Listen, Learn, Love

A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples



"We, Australia's Bishops, invite members of the Church to walk with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in this year of great possibility." In this time of renewal in the Church and in our country, we invite everyone to join us on this journey of healing.

"Just as the churches strongly supported the 1967 referendum, we hope that Catholics, along with other people of faith, will support the Yes campaign." **NATSICC**

## A Prayer for Hope

God our Father, We praise you, bless you and thank you. We have everything because of you. You are good and we love You. Jesus our Brother, you came into this world to show us the way of love. You bring good news to those who are poor and oppressed. You are one with those who suffer. You are one with the First Peoples of Australia. Amidst all their pain, you give them hope that justice, reconciliation and peace will flow and that they will find their rightful place in our common home. Creator Spirit, you have moved through this land since the beginning of time. You bless Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with the wisdom that enables them to care for each other and to care for country. Fill us all with humility and love so that we listen with respect to their wisdom and learn from them. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples invite us to journey with them towards a new day where there is healing and justice for them and for all Australians. As we prepare to vote in the referendum on a Voice to Parliament, may we befriend them and listen to them with deep respect. Shape us into a community of love which is a sign of your divine communion of love. Help us to show all Australians how to build a civilisation of love in this land now and in the years to come. In You we place all our trust and hope. Amen



## Breaking through demonic strongholds

When Jesus ordained Peter to become the rock upon which he would build his Church, he made a promise. The gates of hell, he said, speaking of the netherworld that belongs to the principalities and powers of darkness (see Ephesians 6), "shall never prevail against it."

Jesus did not say that hell would never win battles against the Church. He said that the gates of hell would not win. Of course, they won't: Gates don't attack! Gates protect. Gates hold inside their boundaries whatever has been enclosed by a fence or wall. Do you know anyone who's been imprisoned by their sins? Or by hellish circumstances?

Christians are not called to take a defensive posture against attacks and encroachments from evil-doers. Christians are called to take the offensive – we are called to attack the very gates of hell, knock them down, and conquer the devils that are trying to drag people into their kingdom of misery and eternal death.

What Jesus did 2000 years ago to free people from evil he still does today through you and me.

For the sinners who want to escape from evil before it's too late, Jesus gave gate keys to Peter when he ordained him as the first shepherd (priest and pope) of Christianity. These keys have been passed from generation to generation through the unbroken line of Catholic priests.

What are the keys? The gates of hell are unlocked by Sacraments; they open the way to eternal life. When a priest "looses" (releases) the grace and forgiveness of God upon a repentant sinner during the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or when a priest "binds" a man and woman together in the Sacrament of Marriage, it's Jesus who's doing it through him.

The supernatural power of the Sacraments conquers evil every time we take them seriously and rely on the graces they provide.

This year we will unite around the theme, "Let Justice and Peace Flow." The Season Celebration begins 1st September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Let us pray and work for Justice And care for all Creation.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### COME AND SEE THE SHRINE OF MARY

Join us to learn about the little Shrine on the hill and what it holds for you. Experience a fun-filled afternoon with guided tours, afternoon tea, testimonies and information materials, activities for children and teenagers. We will conclude with prayer & song at the Shrine. Sunday 27 August, 2pm to 4pm, Schoenstatt Shrine, 9 Talus Drive, Mount Richon. Free event.

**Further info;** Terry Huxtable

[WAINFO@schoentatt.org.au](mailto:WAINFO@schoentatt.org.au) or 0403 910 925.

## ARCHDIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has a number of employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church. For details, refer to:

<https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm>.

- **Administration Officer**, Episcopal Services – Permanent, Full-Time ([listed on SEEK](#))

- **Catholic Youth Ministry: Coordinator**, Faith Formation – Fixed Term (12 Months), Full-Time ([listed on SEEK](#))

- **IMMEDIATE START: Assistant, Research** (Parish Renewal) – Fixed Term, Part-Time (apply direct to [recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au))

# KIDS' CORNER

## Peter's Confession - Word Search

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."



**Who do you say that I am?**

W	L	A	R	U	Y	V	R	E	O	A	R	L	A	G
K	E	I	F	G	I	F	D	E	V	S	T	P	X	V
D	L	P	V	X	C	T	U	R	V	K	A	F	U	Q
Q	I	H	D	I	S	C	I	P	L	E	S	A	N	S
Y	J	T	S	V	N	N	S	T	X	D	A	H	Z	G
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N	H	Q	K	V	R	L	Y	Z	A	J	J	E	E	V
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J	A	Z	L	I	R	P	G	L	S	L	I	O	E	K
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N	P	I	E	V	R	P	H	X	X	X	W	A	O	D



**Christ, the Son of the living God!**



### 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

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.

Asked  
disciples  
people  
Say

John  
Elijah  
Jeremiah  
prophets

Peter  
answered  
Christ  
Living

God  
blessed  
revealed  
Father

## ROSTERS

		Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
<b>COMMENTATOR/READER</b>				
26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> August	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ord	Dimitrio Sidi	Susannah Robinson	Reginald Thevanayagam
2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> September	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ord	Dimitrio Sidi	Jill Browne	Anne Armstrong
<b>ACOLYTE</b>				
26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> August	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ord	Daniel Bianchini	Bill Staude	Tony Bray
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep /3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ord	Peter Quinn	Shajy Vadukoot	Dimitrio Sidi
<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>				
26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> August	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ord	Hayden Willey Nicolas Willey	Dinuli Kariyakarawana Patrick Newman	Andy Yip Mary-Jane Yip
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep /3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ord	Edith Johnson Isabelle Chiew	Palak Vadukoot Dominic Newman	Samantha Teran-Carrasco Sierra Ong
<b>CHOIR</b>				
26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> August	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ord	Annalise (Pianist)	Holy Family Choir	D'Cantor Choir
2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> September	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ord	Annalise (Pianist)	Holy Family Choir	D'Cantor Choir

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