

Holy Family Como Bulletin



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Weekend Masses Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am **Weekday Masses:** Tuesday – Friday 9am

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm-5.30pm **Baptisms, Marriage & Funerals:** By appointment Only

Adoration: Thursday 9.30am-11.30am **Safeguarding Officers:** Mark Ferroa 0425454763 & Breda Pires 0422237261

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Second Sunday of Advent - Year B

Sunday 10th December 2023

The Liturgy of the Word

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you: he will prepare the way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God

St Paul's Sunday Missal



Next Sunday's Readings

3rd Sunday of Advent - Year B

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Luke 1:46-50, 53-54 (with Isaiah 61:10b)

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

HOLY FAMILY DIARY

11th – 17th December 2023

Monday 11th December
No Mass

Tuesday 12th December
9.00am Mass

Wednesday 13th December
9.00am Mass
9.30-11.30am Craft Group
6.00pm-7.00pm Youth Group - Hall
7.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Thursday 14th December
9.00am Mass
9.30-11.30am Adoration

Friday 15th December
9.00am Mass

Saturday 16th December
10.30am Children Christmas Choir
Practice
6.00pm Mass

Sunday 17th December
3rd Sunday of Advent – Year B
8.30am Mass
10.00am Mass

You don't want to miss this
Inviting all Como youth (ages 18-30) to **be.love**d - your very own parish group! Our Reconciliation Day will be Wed, December 13th, 6-7pm in the Parish Hall. We will then join with the parish for 2nd Rite of Reconciliation Mass. We can't wait to see you 🤗.

SAVE THE DATE
Father Dat's Installation Mass
Saturday 10th February 2024 at 10am
Mass said by Bishop Don Sproston
Lunch will follow, which will coincide the Lunar New Year of the Dragon.
All Parishioners invited to officially welcome Father Dat into our Parish.

2024 COLUMBAN & JOSEPHITE CALENDARS \$10.00 Each
Still available for sale in the foyer

CHURCH NOTICEBOARD
For more of what's happening in the Archdiocese or Employment, please see the Notice board in the foyer.

PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS
We offer the option for EFT for both the 1st & 2nd collection:
First collection
First collection supports the priests.
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Second Collection
Second 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.



ADVENT WREATH WEEKLY PRAYER
Second Week of Advent: (Love)
Jesus, John the Baptist told the people, "If you have two coats, give one to someone who doesn't have any. If you have food, share it with someone else." As we light this candle, we remember that you bring the light of service into our lives.
May your Word be always in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts. Amen.

ON SALE NOW
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Tickets on sale to win one of four Christmas Hampers
1 for \$2
3 for \$5
8 for \$10
20 for \$20
Drawn Sunday 17th December



CHRISTMAS SEASON
Parish Christmas Carols
Saturday 9th December 7pm
2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Wednesday, 13th December 7pm
Children's Christmas Mass
Sunday 24th December 5pm
Midnight Mass
Sunday 24th December
Midnight
Christmas Day Masses
Monday 25th Dec 8.30am and 10am
Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday 31st December



CHRISTMAS CHILDRENS CHOIR
Children's Mass 24th December 5pm
This is an invitation for all children to participate in the children's singing group for the parish Children's Christmas Mass on Sunday 24th December at 5pm.
There will be one hour practice sessions held on Saturday 16th and 23rd December at 10.30am in the church. For further enquiries, please email Yunita at yoen.lay57@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S ROOM
(At the back of the church)
For parents using the children's room at the back of the Church, could you please vacate the room as soon as possible after Mass. This room will be used as a Chapel after Mass for people who wish to pray privately in silence.
Thank you for your considerate of this request.
Father Dat

MASS OFFERINGS
Recently Deceased: Hazel Lobo

Mass Offering: Margaret Platt

Wellbeing of: Jan Coffey, Apolonia Stegner, Alan Cheung and Jake Manricks

Wedding Anniversaries
December 2023
Congratulations to the following couples who are celebrating their anniversaries in December:

Dorothy & Bill Chin,
David & Katherine Gan,
June & Malcolm Young,
Bob & Pascale Tin,
Dot & Greg Oliver,
Wendy & Leo Burke,
Michael & Stella Pang,
Alvin & Jacqueline Kang,
Roland & Cathy Ordonez,
Shehani Alles & Don Dixon
Eleanor & Julius Fernandez,
Astrid & Coilles Ducarme,
Brian & Sheila Walker,
Jessica & Don Wall,
Marisa & Colin Kwok
Mareen & Ishan Peries
God bless you on your special day



The Vinnies Giving Tree in the foyer bears tags with items for Christmas hampers. These will be distributed to needy local families in December.
Please take a tag from the tree, purchase the item/s written on the tag and return the items & tag to the tree. This will assist Vinnies to help many of the less fortunate in our community
Have a better Christmas.
Vinnies
good works



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.
11 of 12 Safeguarding Messages:
Say NO to secrets. Never keep secrets that make you feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Secrets or threats about touching should NEVER be kept.
This message is placed at the request of the Safeguarding Office of the Perth Archdiocese.

Gospel Reflection

This Sunday's Gospel passage (Mk 1:1-8) introduces the person and work of John the Baptist. He reveals to his contemporaries an itinerary of faith similar to the one that Advent proposes to us: that we prepare ourselves to receive the Lord at Christmas. This itinerary of faith is an itinerary of conversion. What does the word 'conversion' mean? In the Bible it means, first and foremost, to change direction and orientation; and thus also to change one's way of thinking. In the moral and spiritual life, to convert means to turn oneself from evil to good, from sin to love of God. And this is what John the Baptist was teaching, who in the desert of Judea was "preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (v. 4). Receiving baptism was an outward and visible sign of the conversion of those who had listened to his preaching and decided to repent. That baptism occurred with immersion in the Jordan, in water, but it proved worthless; it was only a sign and it was worthless if there was no willingness to repent and change one's life. To ask God to convert us to the degree in which we open ourselves up to the beauty, the goodness, the tenderness of God. Think about God's tenderness. God is not a bad father, an unkind father, no. He is tender. He loves us so much, like the Good Shepherd, who searches for the last member of his flock. It is love, and this is conversion: a grace of God. You begin to walk, because it is he who moves you to walk, and you will see how he will arrive. Pray, walk, and you will always take a step forward.

Pope Francis homily 6-12-20 Angelus, St Peters square

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe 2023 Christmas Message (in Part)

One of our popular Christmas Carols begins with these words: *What child is this who, laid to rest on Mary's lap, is sleeping?* Very quickly, the carol moves to an answer: *This, this, is Christ the King, the babe, the son of Mary.* Each year, as Christmas comes around, we are invited to let this same question - *what child is this* - arise in our minds and our hearts, and to reflect on the answers which emerge.

You can view the full message on the noticeboard in the foyer. Or you can view the message on the Archdiocese website or on YouTube at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_buwISHEeFA

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



WA Young Salesian - Summer Camp 8-12 January 2024

Are you between 11½-15 yrs or starting Year 7 in 2024? Come and join us for this 5-day fun filled camp at Nanga Bush Camp, Dwellingup. From only \$270 Visit the website or contact Graham on 0418 979 600 Register now at: www.wayoungsalesians.com

JESUS YOUTH (JY) Looking for an adventure that'll shape your life's purpose?

Look no further than CATALYST 2.0: Set Your Purpose, brought to you by **Jesus Youth (JY)**! Join us for an unforgettable camp from Feb 16th to Feb 18th, 2024, at the beautiful Nanga Bush Camp. Whether you're a recent high school graduate or aged 18-25, this camp is designed just for you! Sign up now to enjoy our early bird discount until December 31st! For inquiries and registration, reach out to Tina at 0405712200 or Gibin at 0468843450.

Jesus Youth is a Holy See approved international ecclesial movement of the Catholic Church, which challenges young people to have a meaningful and fulfilling life. JY has been ministering for kids, teens, young adults, and families in Perth since 2007

MUSIC AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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



KIDS' CORNER

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JOHN	POWERFUL	KNEEL
STRAP	SANDAL	BAPTISED
WATER	SPIRIT	HEAVENS
DOVE	VOICE	BELOVED



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God sent John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of his son. The message he preached then is just as important today, as we prepare ourselves for the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

LET US PRAY

Heavenly father, help each of us to make a fresh start this Advent, to put right what is wrong, and to truly live as Jesus showed us.



ROSTERS				
		Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
COMMENTATOR/READER				
9 th /10 th December	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Amanda Johnson	Peter Messer	Pascale Tin
16 th /17 th December	3 rd Sunday of Advent	C. Frank Giannini R. Dimitrio Sidi	C. Peter Messer R. Annette Newman	C. Anne Armstrong R. Cyril D'Silva
ACOLYTE				
9 th /10 th December	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Daniel Bianchini	John Newman	Leo Burke
16 th /17 th December	3 rd Sunday of Advent	Hasan Sidi	Shajy Vandukoot	Tony Bray
ALTAR SERVER				
9 th /10 th December	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Hayden Willey Isabelle Chiew	Palak Vadukoot Claudia Taylor Beard	April Hadiyanto Delena Tran
16 th /17 th December	3 rd Sunday of Advent	Nicolas Willey Vasana Boonyothayan	Leo Newman Dominic Newman	Mary-Jane Yip (a) Jovan Halim
CHOIR				
9 th /10 th December	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Loreto (guitarist)	Holy Family Choir	D'Cantor Choir
16 th /17 th December	3 rd Sunday of Advent	St Pio choir	Holy Family Choir	Sanctus Choir

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