

Holy Family Como Bulletin



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4th Sunday of Lent- Year B

Sunday 10th March 2024



The Liturgy of the Word

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast

FIRST READING

Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom" 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS Fifth Sunday of Lent Yr B

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:7-9

Psalms 50:3-4, 12-15
John 12:20-30

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy; when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds the sentence is pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

HOLY FAMILY DIARY
11th - 17th MARCH 2024

Monday 11th March
No Mass

Tuesday 12th March
9.00am Mass

Wednesday 13th March
9.00am Mass
9.30am Craft Group – MR1
7.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Thursday 14th March
9.00am Mass
9.30am-10.30am - Adoration

Friday 15th March
9.00am Mass
7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 16th March
9am-11.00am – Toastmasters - Hall
1pm-4pm – Ukulele Group – Hall
6.00pm Mass

Sunday 17th March
5th Sunday of Lent
8.30am Mass
10.00am Mass
10am-11.00am – Reconciliation lessons – MR2
10.30am-12noon – RCIA Group MR1



Growing up in the Mwanza district in southern Malawi, 26-year-old Memory was born to a low-income family who relies on subsistence farming for survival. Memory's parents struggled to pay for her school fees, and she often had to walk to school barefoot. With the support of Caritas Australia and the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM) Memory enrolled in a technical college where she undertook a 3-year carpentry course. This was partially funded by CADECOM through funds from Caritas Australia. Memory now stands proudly as the first female carpenter from her village, working at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes, or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion

THE MASS OFFERINGS LIST WILL NOW BE IN THE CHURCH FOYER



If you would like a mass offered during the week or at any of the weekend masses, please pass your offering envelope to the priest before mass **on the day**. **Father will read out the names at the beginning of Mass.**

THE POWER OF PRAYER LIST is on the noticeboard and will be refreshed at the end of each Month. 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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
Congratulations to all couples who are celebrating their anniversaries in March. Please refer to the list of names on the notice board.

1ST AND 2ND COLLECTION NEW TAP AND GO MACHINES IN THE FOYER

The Parish now have two (2) Tap and Go machines in the foyer. This is a new option for the 1st and 2nd collection as many people no longer carry cash and prefer the cashless option of planned giving. Each machine is marked as 1st and 2nd collection and you need to tap each machine, selecting the amount you wish to offer. These machines can be used at any time.

There is also two (2) cash chutes next to each machine which can be used as cash drops for each collection.

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

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these machines, please contact Joanne or Mareen in the office via email at: como@perthcatholic.org.au

EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets on sale
1 for \$2.00
3 for \$5.00
8 for \$10.00
20 for \$20.00
Drawn Palm Sunday



SENIOR MINISTER OF THE ALTAR
Do you have a desire to help and serve our sacred environment, the Altar. Our parish is looking for a Senior Minister of the Altar for our WEEKDAY masses. If you are interested, please put your name, phone number and days available on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- * **Parish Youth Group (Be.Loved)**
Wednesday 20th March 6pm – Hall
- * **Palm Sunday** – 24th March
- * **Annual Chrism Mass – Blessings of the Holy Oils** - 26th March 7pm – St Mary's Cathedral
- * **Holy Thursday** – 28th March 7pm
- * **Good Friday** – 29th March
Stations of the Cross – 10.00am
Passion of the Lord – 3.00pm
- * **Easter Vigil Mass** – 30th March 7pm
- * **Easter Sunday** – 31st March
8.30am & 10.00am

Lenten Reconciliation

THE 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION
Will be celebrated this Wednesday, 13th March at 7pm.
4 Priests including Father Dat will be in attendance.



PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS via DIRECT DEBIT

We still offer the option of direct debit for both 1st & 2nd collection:
1ST Collection supports the priest
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BSB 036 050 A/C number 790041
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Any queries related to Planned Giving should be directed to the Parish Office.

DIGITAL DIARY

The parish office now has a digital google diary/ calendar. If you would like to book an appointment with Father, book the hall or one of the meeting rooms please contact Joanne or Mareen in the office on 94505921 or via email on como@perthcatholic.org.au

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.
12 of 12 Safeguarding Messages:
Be strong, be brave and ALWAYS speak out if you feel unsafe.
This message is placed at the request of the Safeguarding Office of the Perth Archdiocese.

Today's Gospel tells us: God "so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life". This joyful message is the heart of the Christian faith: God's love found its summit in the gift of his Son to a weak and sinful humanity. He gave his Son to us, to all of us. This is what appears in the nocturnal dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus, a part of which is described in the same Gospel passage. Nicodemus, like every member of the people of Israel, awaited the Messiah, identifying him as a strong man who would judge the world with power. Instead, Jesus challenges this expectation by presenting himself in three forms: the Son of man exalted on the cross; the Son of God sent into the world for salvation; and that of the light that distinguishes those who follow the truth from those who follow lies. Let us take a look at these three aspects: Son of man, Son of God, and light. Jesus presents himself first of all as the Son of man. The text alludes to the account of the bronze serpent which, by God's will, was mounted by Moses in the desert when the people were attacked by poisonous snakes; whoever had been bitten and looked at the bronze serpent was healed. Similarly, Jesus was lifted up on the cross and those who believe in him are healed of sin and live. The second aspect is that of the Son of God, God the Father loves humanity to the point of "giving" his Son: he gave him in the Incarnation, and he gave him in handing him over to death. The purpose of God's gift is the eternal life of every person: in fact, God sends his Son into the world not to condemn it, but so that the world might be saved through Jesus. The third that Jesus gives himself is "light" "The light has come into the world, but people have loved darkness more than light". Whoever chooses darkness will face a judgment of condemnation, whoever chooses light will have a judgment of salvation. This is what we are called to do with greater dedication during Lent: to welcome the light into our conscience, to open our hearts to God's infinite love, to his forgiveness. Do not forget that God always forgives if we humbly ask for forgiveness. It is enough just to ask for forgiveness, and he forgives. In this way we will find true joy in God's forgiveness, which regenerates and gives life.

Pope Francis 14.3.21 Angelus, St Peter's Square - 4th Sunday of Lent Year B

MEDITATIVE PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE
Sunday 17th March 7pm-8pm Chapel doors open at 6.30pm and then the 3rd Sunday of the following months. Invite your friends and pray in a relaxing, meditative way (bring a torch & a friend!) 16 York Street South Perth Enquiries: Sr Maree Riddler rsj Ph: 0414683926
 E: maree.riddler@sosj.org.au

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH: LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
 Please join us for the Mass to celebrate St Joseph. LSP Foundress, St Jeanne Jugan had a deep devotion to St Joseph confiding all her undertakings and cares to his powerful protection. Still St. Joseph remains the great protector and provider of the Congregation as we continue the Mission of caring for the elderly poor. **Tuesday 19 March 10.30am, 2 Rawlins Street, Glendalough.** To register or for more information, please contact Sr Mary Lourdes on 0404610773 or srmarylourdes11@gmail.com

HOLY WEEK RETREAT FOR WOMEN
24th March (Palm Sunday) 11am to 3pm, tertiary students, home makers, professionals & the young at heart are invited to begin Holy Week with prayer & silence, sharing and reflection. The program also includes lunch and afternoon tea. **Schoenstatt Shrine, 9 Talus Drive, Mount Richon.** Bring along a plate to share for lunch. Cost: \$5. **RSVP by Monday 18 March.** To register or enquiries please contact Sr M Luka srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au or 0439 537 843.

We have a long-time parishioner who is needing a lift to church on Sundays for mass. If you can help, please contact the office.



KIDS' CORNER

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John 3:16 Cards

For God so loved	the world
that He gave	His one
and only Son	that whosoever
believes in Him	shall not perish
but have everlasting life.	John 3:16

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B
 While Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Passover celebration, one of the Pharisees, called Nicodemus, came to see him secretly one night, Nicodemus believed in Jesus and wanted to know more about this extraordinary man.

LET US PRAY
 Jesus, you are the light of the world. You promised that if we stay close to you, we will never be lost in the

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WEEKEND ROSTER

		Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
COMMENTATOR/READER				
9 th /10 th March	4 th Sunday of Lent	C. Tony Pires R. Breda Pires EME. Christina Sidi	C. Ralph Newton R. Lynne Newton	C. Cecilia Yap R. Cyril D'Silva EME. Joseph Muttupulle
16 th /17 th March	5 th Sunday of Lent	C. Frank Giannini R. Amanda Johnson EME. Hasan Sidi	C. Alex Wu R. Peter Messer	C. Jennifer Low R. Anne Armstrong EME. Cecilia Bray
ACOLYTE				
9 th /10 th March	4 th Sunday of Lent	Peter Quinn	Michael Taylor	Tony Bray
16 th /17 th March	5 th Sunday of Lent	Hasan Sidi	Shajy Vandukoot	Dimitrio Sidi
ALTAR SERVER				
9 th /10 th March	4 th Sunday of Lent	Nicolas Willey Hayden Willey	Dinuli Kariyakarawana Patrick Newman	April Hadiyanto Andy Yip
16 th /17 th March	5 th Sunday of Lent	Hugh Morris Isabelle Chiew	Lilyanna Bell Palak Vandukoot	Martina Teran-Carrasco Ethan George
CHOIR				
9 th /10 th March	4 th Sunday of Lent	No Choir	Holy Family Choir	D'Cantor Choir
16 th /17 th March	5 th Sunday of Lent	Yunitha	Holy Family Choir	Sanctus Choir

VOLUNTEERS FOR GARDENING

The gardening group **urgently need** help keep our parish gardens.

VOLUNTEER FOR CLEANING

Our parish also needs help with the cleaning of the parish.

If you can help with any of the above please contact the office thank you.

CHURCH NOTICEBOARD

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

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