

# Holy Family Como Bulletin



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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year A      Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

### The Liturgy of the Word

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Beloved Lord, teach me how to detach myself from my personal agenda and my earthly affections. May the Holy Spirit instill in me Your thoughts and Your endless love.

#### FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 20:7-9*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

#### SECOND READING

*Romans 12:1-2*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called

**Alleluia!**

#### GOSPEL

*Matthew 16:21-27*

From that time Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord' he said, 'this must not happen to you'. But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour. I tell you solemnly, there are some of these standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming with his kingdom.'

#### Next Sunday's Readings

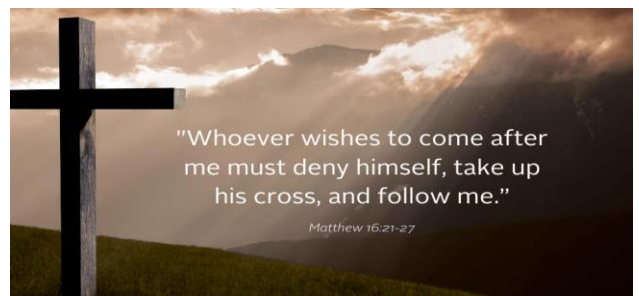
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Ps 95:1-2, 6-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

*Matthew 16:21-27*

# HOLY FAMILY DIARY 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023



**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**  
No Mass

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**  
9.00am Mass

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**  
9.00am Mass

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September**  
9.00am Mass  
9.30am Adoration

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September**  
9.00am Mass (*Change of Time*)

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September**  
9am-3pm Holy Family Retreat –  
Parish Hall  
6.00pm Mass

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Safeguarding Sunday**  
*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8.30am Mass  
10.00am Mass

## 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.



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, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

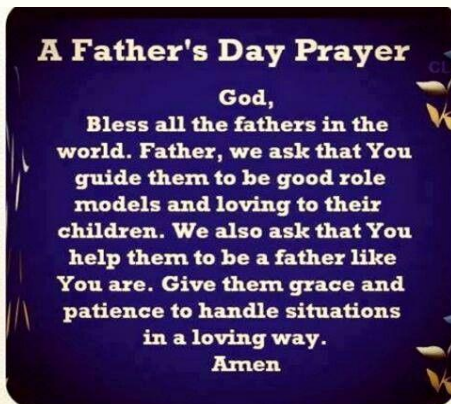
## CHURCH NOTICEBOARD

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

# Happy Father's Day



## MASS OFFERING



## MORNING TEA THIS MORNING FOR FATHERS DAY

The Ukulele Group will be playing so come along and enjoy some cheer and great music.

## FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE Raffle was drawn last weekend, and the winners are:

1st Prize – Blue E63 – Tom

2nd Prize – Black E77 – Purith

3rd Prize – Red E56 – Rita M

4th Prize – Red E31 – Margaret  
Line draw (Whiskey & Rum)

Winning Number – 18 – Anthony  
All winners have been notified.

Total funds raised were \$1,487.00  
Thank you to the fundraising team  
and to everyone for their support of  
this raffle.

## 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.**

## EMAIL SCAM WARNING

Please be advised that there is a scam email circulating using the name of Father Ossie Lewis asking for help. Please ignore these emails and never give out any personal information.



## 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 Toczylowski*  
*Julie & Dominic Palumbo*  
God bless you all on your special day



## 2023 CHILD PROTECTION WEEK Were we Start Matters.....

3-10 September 2023

The Lord is my strength – Psalm 28:7  
2023 Child Protection Week shines a light on children growing up safe and supported in their family, church, community, and culture.

This week will culminate in Safeguarding Sunday next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> September.



The Safeguarding Program  
Protecting Children and Vulnerable Adults  
in the Catholic Church

## 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

## You duped me, Lord!

This Sunday's first reading is one of my personal favorites. I have often felt the way Jeremiah does here. I have yelled at God, "You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped!" And I allow it again and again. "You knew this would happen, Lord! Why did you lead me into this trial?" Have you ever felt that way?

Why do we let him do this to us? Why do we trust God even though he leads us into difficult situations? Why do we follow Jesus into giving our help and love to others even though it's going to feel very uncomfortable if not downright painful?

Walking with God and serving his kingdom is an adventure. We can expect the unexpected, and unfortunately in this world that includes suffering -- denying ourselves the opportunity to pursue self-centered agendas, taking up crosses, and following Jesus all the way to Calvary (but then of course, all the way to resurrection, too, as explained in the Gospel reading).

Because we love God, we are willing to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, like the second reading asks us to do. This is the highest form of worship; it's a spiritual communion that we experience outside of the Eucharistic liturgy of Mass. In union with Jesus, we are the Eucharist.

As Jeremiah's complaint shows us, we can safely complain to God. We can tell him, without getting punished, that we do not like working for him. Complaining to others, however, is a sin because it causes gossip and prejudices and makes God look bad.

Asking for prayer support during our trials is important, and we must keep doing this, but complaining to others shows how little we trust God. Eventually, we will see the good that comes from our sacrifices, and this is what we should communicate to others.

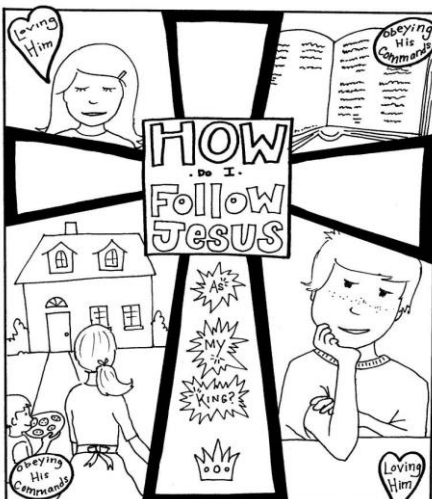
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Finally, his prayers came true, and was rescued by the Australian navy. Dad was posted in Perth, worked for the city council, and months later he was able to find the support to sponsor the family over. I remember when we landed at Perth airport, the only English words I knew was Yes and No. When I saw a Vietnamese man approaching us with a smile, I said, "Hello sir." My mother corrected me and said, "That's your dad." Because of my parents' ongoing prayers and guidance through my primary and high school years, they finally dropped the big questions; do I want to become a priest or get married. After reflecting on the Catholic Australian fair-go policy, I decided to give the priesthood a chance. I joined St Charles Seminary in Guildford at the age of 17 and 8 years later I was ordained on 13th December 2002 by Archbishop Barry James Hickey. I have been blessed living in the parishes of Bateman (2003 - 2004), Willetton (2005), Mirrabooka (2006), Aquinas College (2007 - 2010), Bedford (2011 - 2016), Yangebup (2016 - 2022). Over 20 years, the priesthood has taken me to amazing places, giving me opportunities to meet wonderful and faithful people in their homes and parishes. In 2010 I was asked to lead a pilgrimage and experienced a rare opportunity to celebrate a midnight Christmas mass in Bethlehem. This sacred experience with Jesus and the Holy family in Bethlehem gave me an insight, an epiphany that a parish is a home, a family. I am honoured and blessed with deep joy to have already felt welcomed, loved, and accepted here at Holy Family parish of Como. With such a beautiful and comforting name for a faith community, I believe that anyone who comes here from other countries, places or parishes will feel welcomed, loved, and accepted. These basic family values will forever nurture growth, healing, and prosperity. If a place, a home, can offer one or more of the above values, joy and happiness will naturally flow through the smiles of many. I look forward to the joys, happiness, and everything that we may encounter, together. May God the Father bless us his children, with His only Son Jesus our Saviour, and our mother Mary. St Joseph, pray for us.

## Father Dat Vuong

I was born in Vietnam Saigon 1976, the youngest of four siblings. Arrived in Perth in the mid-80s. Growing up in Morley, I often missed my homeland in Vietnam, I would recall memories through childhood photos, faces of my relatives, and family members, but I noticed that dad was never in any photos. I was told much later that just like many other boat people, dad was trying to escape Vietnam, risking his own life for the future and well-being of his family. He told me that when he managed to escape, he prayed during the harsh storm, drifting in a cramped up little boat, in the middle of the big ocean, that he wanted his family to be in Australia. ..../cont

# KIDS' CORNER



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## 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

No one likes to do something difficult when there is an easier way! Sometimes it is hard to do what we know is right, but today Jesus tells us that we should not try to take the easy way out but follow his way.

## LET US PRAY

Lord, we pray for people who are suffering difficulties; the homeless and unemployed; the sick and the lonely; the hungry and the poor. Share your courage and strength with them and surround them with your love.

GIVE	EXCHANGE	GOOD	WHOLE
FIND	SAVE	CROSS	GAIN
SELF	SOUL	FOLLOW	LOSE
DENY	WORLD	FORFEIT	LIFE

# ROSTERS

		Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
<b>COMMENTATOR/READER</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ord	Dimitrio Sidi	Jill Browne	Anne Armstrong
9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> Sep	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ord	Helen Mason	Peter Messer	Henry D'Silva
<b>ACOLYTE</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep /3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ord	Peter Quinn	Shajy Vadukoot	Dimitrio Sidi
9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ord	Hasan Sidi	Bill Staude	James Chong
<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>				
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
9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ord	Gabriella Jakowtz Raegan Tanuwijaja	Leo Newman Dominic Newman	Bryan Chong Ethan Tsia
<b>CHOIR</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ord	Annalise (Pianist)	Holy Family Choir	D'Cantor Choir
9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ord	Annalise (Pianist)	Holy Family Choir	D'Cantor Choir

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