

Holy Family Parish Como - Kensington



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Weekend Masses Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am Weekday Masses: Tuesday – Friday 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm - 5.30pm Adoration: Thursdays 9.30am-10.30am

5th Sunday of Easter – Year A

Sunday, 3rd May 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations, he has shown his deliverance, alleluia

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, "It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word." The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Portress, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread; the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING

Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Next Sunday's Readings 6th Sunday of Easter Yr A

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Psalm: 65:1-7, 16, 20

Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him." Philip said, "Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied". "Have I been with you all this time, Philip," said Jesus, to him "and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, 'Let us see the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father living in me who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; Believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord, Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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THE PARISH WEEK AHEAD

4th May – 10th May 2026

Monday 4th May

9.00am No Mass

Tuesday 5th May

9.00am Mass

Wednesday 6th May

9.00am Mass

Thursday 7th May

9.00am Mass

9.30am Adoration

Friday 8th May

9.00am Mass

Saturday 9th May

5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Mass

Sunday 10th May

MOTHERS DAY

6TH Sunday of Easter

8.30am Mass (Morning Tea)

10.00am Mass (Morning Tea)

10.30am-11.30am RCIA (m1)

NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE

Over the next 4 weekends (2nd /3rd May – 23rd /24th May) you will notice members of the Parish Council walking around during mass counting heads. The 5-yearly “*National Count of Attendance*” will be taking place throughout the Archdiocese of Perth. Thank you for your understanding while this is taking place.

WESTPAC ACCOUNT CLOSURE

The Parish banking has now been successfully transferred to NAB. As a result, the **Westpac bank account will soon be discontinued.**

Please update your banking details for recurring payments at your earliest convenience.

Our new banking details are as follows:

1st Collection Account

Bank: NAB

BSB: 086-006

Account Number: 331 331 103

2nd Collection Account

Bank: NAB

BSB: 086-006

Account Number: 839 893 940

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Mothers Day Raffle

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

National Volunteer week begins

Monday 18th May.

On Sunday 17th May Father Dat will dedicate the 10am mass as a thanksgiving mass for all our wonderful volunteers at Holy Family Parish. This will be followed by a catered morning tea for all volunteers who wish to attend. Morning tea will also be provided after the 8.30am mass for all volunteers who cannot make it to the 10am mass.

Ritual of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Faith Journey

What do Catholics believe? Why do they have ritual and attend Mass? Interested or curious about the Catholic faith or becoming a Catholic? Holy Family Como invites you to join us and explore these questions in a pilgrims' journey of faith, hope and love. For more information, please contact Geraldine Taylor on 0408 093434

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER URGENTLY NEEDED

Our parish is seeking the help of a volunteer Safeguarding Officer. This role involves being a point of contact for our parish on Safeguarding concerns, support for Father and to raise awareness of our collective responsibility to safeguard and help ensure the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards are met. Training and ongoing support is provided. Holy Family are in need of several people to nominate to take up the role of Safeguarding Officer in our parish. Please contact Breda Pires (0422237261) or Fr Dat via the office email. We need YOU. Thank you. como@perthcatholic.org.au

MASS INTENTIONS:

For all those who are mentioned in the “Names of the Book of the Dead”

THE POWER OF PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Norah Langshaw, Waminda Residents, Dragutin Markovic, Daisy Givens, Nadia O'Brien, Mary Hippolite, Reg & Joyce Groutsch, Ed Devereux, Heather Jordan, Ng Choon Bee, Ng Chai Hong, Caroline, Wayne, Ethan, Liam & Scarlett, Sonali, Sachini, Fe Fontanini, Michael, Nadia, Annie, Reg & May, Margaret & Arthur, Edith Johnson, Rhys, Brit, David, Anne Armstrong, Elaine Newman, Helen Peters, Carmel, Msgr Brian O'Loughlin, Rosa Canada, Sarah, Molly, Fred, Patrick, Louise, Chris, Aria, David Rowe, Sanjana & family, Andrew, Aura Diego, Familia Becerra, Famia Cerinca, Annemarie MacPherson, Barbara Kenny, David Tiley, Margaret Abbott, Joshua, Serafini Family, Cain Family, Regina & Linda, Beverley Loraine, Jono, Gina & Brian, Fr Carroll, Maria O'Connor, Albert, Carmel, Julie, Anna Alfonso, Jessie S, Mario Gomez, Caitlin Von Witt, Melissa Arthena, Chris Lowry, Aldrin Ong, Adrian Ong, Kaye, Anastasia, Ashot, Tamara, Mervin & Jenni Yap, Wang Ming Wei, Lachlan, James Chandler, Sucich family, Maureen & Beiam McCormack, Enzo Troisi, Natasha, Marie H, Jean, Antonette & George, Declan & Family, Trevor Fonty, Steve Ford, Aiden Cooper, Ian Wood, Rosina Renzullo, John Joyce, Richard Newman, Beryl Northey, John O'Connell, Liz Mulcahy, Kelley H, Ambiq Salavantra, Bob Peruc, Mark, Eduardo & Mario Gomez, Darren, Tony B, Paul, Mary L, William, Maria F, Anna Alfonso, Sarah, Lee B & family, Mel, Shane & Brad Hickman, Troy Skopelitis Kristy Phillips, Trish Doohy, Luke Beattie, Fred, Samantha Whyllie, Tom Core, Abin Davis, Aurelius Daniel, Anderson family, Vicki Sheppard, Cedric DeSouza, Lisa, Vincent Scanlan, Ena

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel of today's Liturgy is taken from Jesus' last discourse before his death. The disciples' hearts are troubled, but the Lord speaks reassuring words to them, inviting them not to be afraid. He is not abandoning them but is going to prepare a place for them and to guide them towards that destination. The Lord today thus shows us all the wonderful places to go, and, at the same time, tells us how to get there, shows us the way. He tells us where to go and how to get there. First of all, where to go. Jesus sees the disciples' distress, he sees their fear of being abandoned, just as it happens to us when we are forced to be separated from someone we care for. And so, he says: "I go to prepare a place for you ... that where I am you may be also". There is space for you, you are welcome, you will always be received with the warmth of an embrace, and I am in Heaven to prepare a place for you! He prepares for us that embrace with the Father, the place for all eternity.

We must not lose sight of the destination, even if we run the risk of overlooking it, of forgetting the final questions, the important ones: where I am going? Where I am I walking towards? What is it worth living for? Without these questions, we compress our life into the present, we think we must enjoy it as much as possible and end up living day by day, without purpose, without a goal. Our homeland, instead, is in heaven let us not forget the greatness and the beauty of our destination!

Let us listen to Jesus' answer: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life". "I am the way". Jesus himself is the way to follow to live in truth and to have life in abundance. He is the way and therefore faith in him is not a "package of ideas" in which to believe, but rather a road to be travelled, a journey to undertake, a path with him.

It is following Jesus, because he is the way that leads to unflinching happiness. Following Jesus and imitating him, especially with deeds of closeness and mercy towards others. This is the compass for reaching Heaven: loving Jesus, the way, becoming signs of his love on earth. Let us live the present, let us take the present in hand, but let us not be overwhelmed; let us look up, let us look to Heaven, let us remember the goal, let us think that we are called to eternity, to the encounter with God. And, from Heaven to the heart, let us renew today the choice of Jesus, the choice to love him and to walk behind him.

*Pope Francis, 07-05-2023
Regina Caeli,
Saint Peter's Square*

ARCHDIOCEAN NEWS

The farewell mass for the Migrant Jubilee Cross will be held at the Cathedral tonight, Sunday 3rd May At 5.00pm.



EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING - COMMON GROUND FAITH EDUCATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Every Wednesday, 6pm to 8.30pm, Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary St, Highgate (enter through Harold St). Common Ground is a space where Young Adults who share similar values and beliefs come together and belong. Through faith formation, prayer, mission, ministry and social activities, Common Ground provides opportunities to grow in faith, deepen your relationship with God and explore what it means to live a life of purpose and meaning. Ask questions, share your struggles, and receive encouragement and guidance. Come along! For more information contact <https://www.cym.com.au/>

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS BALL

The Catholic Youth Ministry is holding a young adults' ball for people aged 18 to 30 years. *Cathedrals & Kingdoms* is the theme, so dress to impress (formal attire), bring your friends, and experience a night of splendour, joy and community.

- Saturday 9 May
- 6:00pm to 11:30pm
- Moore & Moore, 46 Henry St, Fremantle
- Cocktail style food and drinks
- Bring ID to verify your age

Ticket sales close at 5:00pm, Friday 17 April
www.events.humanitix.com/cym-young-adults-ball

PARENTING IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Catholic Family & Justice Support Services is facilitating this parent workshop to explore how technology, social media, and online platforms are shaping the way children think, feel and interact. Gain practical strategies to help you support your child in developing healthy, balanced technology habits. Designed for parents and caregivers.

- Tuesday, 26th May - 6.30pm - 8.00pm
- Newman Siena Centre (Clune Lecture Theatre W2.07) 33 Williamstown Road, Doubleview
- Cost - \$5.00 To register,
www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1570034?

ANGELO STREET PARTY

Come to the Angelo Street Party at 2.00 pm this Sunday to buy a sausage sizzle from Father Nino, Father Dat and the sisters of St Joseph to raise funds for Mary MacKillop schools in East Timor. Organised by Como Catenians Catholic Men, the stall is "Come to church. Join the Catenians"

Como Catenians Catholic Men meet for prayers, dinner+drinks at Holy Family, 6.30pm second Tuesday every month.

Membership Officer Alex Chia 0449 703718

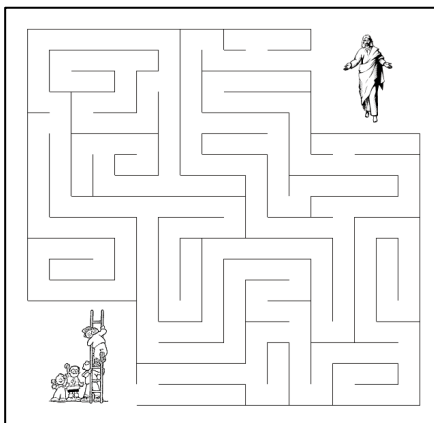
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Help the children find their way to Jesus



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

We would not set off on a journey to a place we had not been before without taking a map or a guide with us. Nobody would set off with no idea of how to get there, for then we would certainly get lost! Today Jesus tells his disciples that they already know the way to the place he is going even though they have never been there before. The disciples are confused but Jesus explains all they needed to know.

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WEEKEND ROSTERS

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 8.30am

Sunday 10.00am

COMMENTATOR/READER

2 nd /3 rd May	5 th Sunday of Easter	C. Helen Mason R. Amanda Johnson EMHC Graeme Johnson	C. Geraldine Taylor R. Lyn Hope-Hume EMHC Jill Browne	C. Pascal Yip R. Ben Dias EMHC Patricia Cowley
9 th /10 th May	6 th Sunday of Easter	C. Kimbereley De Souza R. Sean De Souza EMHC Margaret Loraine	C. Peter Messer R. Jacinta Wu EMHC Sible Rozario	C. Henry D'Silva R. Cecilia Bray EMHC Vicki Ha

ACOLYTES

2 nd /3 rd May	5 th Sunday of Easter	Dimitrio Sidi	Shajy Vadukoot	Leo Burke
9 th /10 th May	6 th Sunday of Easter	Hasan Sidi	Michael Taylor	James Chong

ALTAR SERVER

2 nd /3 rd May	5 th Sunday of Easter	Hugh Morris Edith Johnson	Patrick Newman Evangeline Taylor-Bear	Angel Siby Volunteer Please
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