

Holy Family Parish Bulletin

Como - Kensington



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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Sunday 14th September 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

FIRST READING

Numbers 21: 4-9

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here: we are sick of this unsatisfying food.' At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So, Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord

SECOND READING

Philippians 2: 6-11

The state of Jesus Christ was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

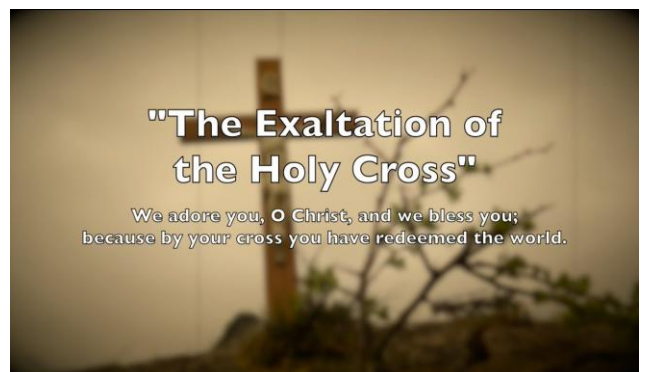
GOSPEL

John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and 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.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.



Next Sunday's Readings:
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Amos 8: 4-7 // Ps 112:1-2,4-8
Timothy 2:1-8 // Luke 16: 1-13

PARISH DIARY

15th – 21st September 2025

MONDAY 15th September

9.00am No Mass

TUESDAY 16th September

9.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 17th September

9.00am Mass

THURSDAY 18th September

9.00am Mass

9.30am-10.30am Adoration

FRIDAY 19th September

9.00am Mass

SATURDAY 20th September

11.00am - Baptism

5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Mass

SUNDAY 21ST September

25th Sunday of Ordinary time

8.30am Mass (Morning Tea)

10.00am Mass (Morning Tea)



NEXT PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Our 2nd parish pilgrimage will on Monday 29th September, at St John Paul II in Banksia Grove & St Anthony's in Wanneroo. Please fill in a slip & place in the general drop box in the foyer if you are interested

NEW NORCIA RETREAT

Saturday & Sunday - 11th/12th October
Sponsored by the Como Parish Small Christian Community.

Sessions led by Fr Robert Nixon & Sr Hilda from the Benedictine Community. An opportunity to spend time reflecting on your love of God; getting to know parishioners; sharing meals, praying with the Monks. Some places still available but get in soon. Call Tony 0418 900 046 for more information

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

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A/C number 790041

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SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

*We Are A Safe, Hope-filled and
Welcoming Church*

Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice



WELCOMING NEW CATHOLICS THE RCIA JOURNEY

A new Journey commences in a couple of months



A NIGHT of ENQUIRY will be held in the Parish Hall, Sunday 9th November, 6.00 - 7.30pm to explain the process. If you know anyone who wishes to attend, please bring them along. There is no obligation, just simply come and listen. Everyone welcome

ALPHA NIGHTS are back, and you are welcome

A welcoming environment for anyone to have open & honest conversations about life, faith, purpose & Jesus. For the sceptics & seekers, the curious & cautious, young & old. 100% free with a meal, film & time to ask questions, gather your friends, open the space, watch what God can do. Starting Wednesdays 24th September 6.30 - 8.30pm in the Parish Hall.



MASS INTENTIONS:

Recently deceased:

Angela Rosalind Nunis

THE POWER OF PRAYER LIST

Norah Langshaw, Waminda Residents, Dragutin Markovic, Daisy Givens, Nadia O'Brien, Mary & Ben Bianchini, Mary Hippolite, Reg & Joyce Groutsch, Ed Devereux, Heather Jordan, Ng Choon Bee, Ng Chai Hong, Paddy Embry, Caroline, Wayne, Ethan, Liam & Scarlett, Sonali, Sachini, Fe Fontanini, John Hardwick, Michael, Nadia, Adrian, Annie, Reg & May, Margaret & Arthur, Edith Johnson, Rhys, Brit, David, Anne Armstrong, Elaine Newman, Helen Peters, Carmel, Msgr Brian O'Loughlin, Rosa Canada, Brian Jarvis, Karin Holly Grant, Yolanda, Sarah, Molly, Fred, Mark, James, Chris, Ben, Bahar, Margaret, Mark Oh, Hayley VanDerHeyden, Daniel, Sanjana & family, Andrew Sanderson, Patricia Whyte, James Chandler, Nubia William, Aura Diego, Familia Becerra, Famia Cerinca, Annemarie MacPherson, Gladys, Gloria, Hector, Cristina-Myriam, Bill Staude, Ong Ay Hwa, Barbara Kenny, Sergio Manricks, David Tiley, Don H, June Indria, Robert Brown, Faith, Vicki Shephard, Kiera Moran, Margaret Abbott, Remus Illesco

NEW DECREE ON MASS INTENTIONS

There is a new clarification of Mass Intentions and collective offerings as decreed by Pope Francis on Easter Sunday this year. This can be viewed on the Vatican website.

<https://www.vaticannews.va>

As a result of the new decree. The announcements in mass & publication of mass offerings for the parish have changed. *"The Book of the Names of the Dead"* is a liturgical book used in many parishes to honor & remember deceased parishioners by recording their names. The parish has purchased this book which will be available mid September.

ANIVERSARY OF DEATH

Individual names of the deceased will not be mentioned during Mass or published in the bulletin. These names can be written down in "The Book of the Names of the Dead" according to the month. There will be special reference in the prayers of the faithful to all the names in the book.

RECENTLY DECEASED

The individual names of loved ones who have recently deceased will be mentioned in the prayers of the faithful and published in the bulletin. If you wish to make an offering this can be done via the first collection basket/chute or Tap N Go device.

If you have any questions, please contact the office via email como@perthcatholic.org.au

Thank you for your understanding.

PARISH COUNCIL AGM

The Annual General Meeting for the Parish Council will be held on **Sunday 18th October at 11am.**

Nominations forms are in the foyer, if you are considering a position on the council. All parishioners are welcome to attend to hear a rundown on parish business and financial statements over the past year.

The cross is a gibbet of death. Yet today we celebrate the exaltation of the cross of Christ, for on its wood Jesus took upon himself all our sin and the evil of our world and vanquished them by his love. That is why we celebrate today's Feast. The word of God that we have just heard tells us how, by contrasting serpents that bite with a serpent that saves. Let us reflect on these two. First, serpents that bite. These serpents attacked the people who had fallen once more into the sin of speaking against God. Such speaking against God was more than simply grumbling and complaining; on a deeper level, it was a sign that in their hearts the Israelites had lost their trust in him and his promises. As God's people were making their way through the desert towards the promised land, they grew weary and could no longer endure the journey. They grew discouraged; they lost hope, and, at a certain point, they even seemed to forget the Lord's promise. The first part of the narrative asks us to examine closely those moments in our own personal and community lives when our trust in the Lord and one another has failed. How often have we grown dry, disheartened and impatient in our own personal deserts, and lost sight of our journey's goal! Situations in our lives when, as individuals, as a Church and as a society, we can be bitten by the serpent of distrust, poisoned by disillusionment and despair, and caught up only with ourselves, lacking all enthusiasm. God gives us a new horizon: if we keep our gaze fixed on Jesus, the sting of evil can no longer prevail over us, for on the cross he took upon himself the venom of sin and death and crushed their destructive power. For from the cross of Christ we learn love, not hatred; compassion, not indifference; forgiveness, not vengeance. Brothers and sisters, we have been reborn from the pierced side of the crucified Jesus. May we be free of the poison of death and pray that by God's grace we can become ever more fully Christian: active witnesses of new life, love and peace.

Pope Francis Holy Mass in the "Expo grounds", Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14.9.22

PRAYER FOR SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

You guard us, Lord God, beneath the shelter of your wings till the storms of destruction pass by (Psalm 57:1). The storms of abuse have struck and have not yet passed by. We see the damage done and we seek shelter in you. Beneath your wings we gather the survivors and their loved ones, all the victims, living and dead. We gather those who work to bring healing and to make the Church a safe place for all. We gather all the faithful, the Body of Christ, bearing the wounds of the Cross. May the Church grow more like you, wings spread wide to provide shelter for all, till the storms of destruction pass by and peace without end has come. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

MEDITATIVE PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE

21st September 2025

7pm – 8pm (chapel doors open at 6.30pm)

16 York Street, South Perth

Invite your friends and pray in a relaxing, meditative way.

Enquiries: Sr Maree Riddler rsj, 0414 683 926,

maree.riddler@sosj.org.au

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING COMMON GROUND - FAITH EDUCATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Wednesdays 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. Ask questions, share your struggles, and receive encouragement and guidance. Come along!

For more information visit www.cym.com.au.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE: GLOW IN THE DARKNESS

"the spiritual quest is a journey without distance. You travel from where you are right now to where you have already been." (Anthony de Mello 2012)

Reality or Illusion. How awake and self-aware are we on our pilgrim journey? In this session employing De Mello's writings, we explore *the freedom of coming home* and the reality of the most *radiant light* that shines in the darkness. Date: Thursday 18th September – 9.30am – 3.00pm Presenter: Geraldine Taylor Cost: \$40.00 (morning tea provided, bring own lunch) Registration and enquires: Sr Catherine Warner on 93850684

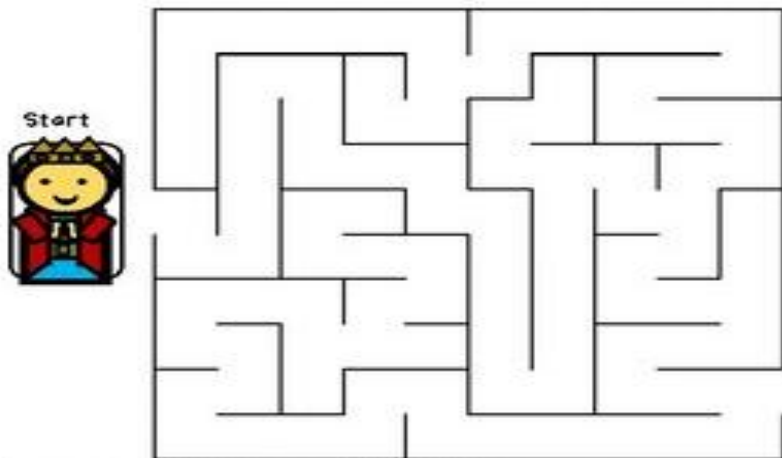
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES - CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH

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

KIDS' CORNER

Help St Helena find the True Holy Cross



"Wherever a child or vulnerable person is safe there, you serve and honour Christ"
(Pope Francis)

LET US PRAY

God, you always love us. Help us to look after each other and to know that when we feel uncomfortable, worried or if something is wrong, we can say no and tell someone we trust

WEEKEND ROSTER

		Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
COMMENTATOR/READER				
13 th / 14 th September	24 th Sunday in Ord	C. Michelle Teo R. Amanda Johnson EMHC Christina Sidi	C. Ralph Newton R. Lynne Newton EMHC Jill Browne	C. Cecilia Yap R. Michael Danager EMHC Grace Toczowski
20 th / 21 st September	25 th Sunday in Ord	C. Imelda Loviyanti R. Amanda Johnson EMHC Dimitrio Sidi	C. Sussanah Robinson R. Jacinta Vu EMHC Rose Hart	C. Pascal Yip R. Henry D'Silva EMHC Pascale Tin
27 th / 28 th September	26 th Sunday in Ord	C. Helen Mason R. Dimitrio Sidi EMHC Marie Tiley	C. Alex Wu R. Lyn Hope-Hume EMHC Sible Rozario	C. Pascale Tin R. Cecilia Bray EMHC Venna Manricks
ACOLYTES				
13 th / 14 th September	24 th Sunday in Ord	Dimitrio Sidi	Michael Taylor	Leo Burke
20 th / 21 st September	25 th Sunday in Ord	John Newman	Shajy Vadukoot	Tony Bray
27 th / 28 th September	26 th Sunday in Ord	Hasan Sidi	Michael Taylor	Leo Burke
ALTAR SERVER				
13 th / 14 th September	24 th Sunday in Ord	Edith Johnson Raegen Tanuwidjaja	No servers	Saheli D'Silva Sierra Ong
20 th / 21 st September	25 th Sunday in Ord	Nicola Willey Hayden Willey	Claudia Taylor-Beard Dominic Newman	Angel Siby Martina Teran-Carrasco
27 th / 28 th September	26 th Sunday in Ord	Dinuli Kariyakarawana Lahan Kariyakarawana	Leo Newman Patrick Newman	Samantha Teran-Carrasco Jovan Halim

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