

# Holy Family Como Bulletin



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**Weekday Masses:** Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am, Friday 7pm,

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

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

## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

My Lord, You have placed inside my heart the seed of Your Kingdom and the desire to follow You. Thank you, Lord, for this gift of fruit of Your love. Make it grow inside me and may it be poured out onto those who are looking for You with all their hearts.

### The treasures of God's kingdom

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God is like a buried treasure, a pearl purchased at all cost, and a net from which the bad catch of fish will be tossed away, and the good catch will be valued.

In other words, our Christian lives are a huge cache of valuables. If our treasure chest has any worthless trash, the garbage needs to be tossed away to make room for more valuables. Some of our treasures have only temporary, earthly value, and ultimately, they will be worthless unless they're used for the kingdom of God.

The reading from Romans tells us that all things work together for the good of those who love God. As we purge our lives of false pearls and dead fish, we become more like our Lord. We become more useful to the kingdom of God. Even the bad things that happen to us, under the creative hand of our all-powerful, mercifully loving God, get put to good use as polishing cloths that brighten our pearls and bring out from us a better shine.

In the first reading, Solomon could have asked God for great wealth, and he would have received it, but he asked for an understanding heart so that he'd have wisdom to rule the nation well. Even though he ruled imperfectly, his reputation as the wisest king on earth spread throughout the known world *and* he accumulated great wealth.

This is meant to teach us that when we seek first the treasures of God's kingdom, then we can safely use the treasures of the earth, because God's wisdom guides us in using them for the benefit of his kingdom. The more we love Christ and follow his ways, the easier it is to identify what's really valuable, separate out the junk that does not belong to God, and use everything else for his purposes.



#### Questions for Personal Reflection:

What treasures are buried within you? What pearls of wisdom have you gained, and what did it cost you to learn these? Write a list of your many good qualities. How do they prove that the Lord's presence is within you?

#### Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Choose one treasure, gift, or pearl that God has given to you -- something that reveals the kingdom of God. How did you discover it or gain it? What effect does it have on others?



### Covid Prayer

Lord Jesus when you walked with us on earth you spread your healing power. We entrust to you the families and communities affected by Coronavirus, wherever they may be. We pray especially for health care workers, that you may guide and protect them. We pray that your spirit might inspire those researching new medicines and treatments. Grant us the courage not to rush back to our old ways, but to rebuild our world together, creating foundations of justice, with equality and peace for all. And in the midst of this, keep us strong in faith, hope and love. We lift our prayer to you Lord, and trust in your infinite mercy, as we wait for the daybreak. Amen

## HOLY FAMILY DIARY

31<sup>st</sup> July – 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

No Mass

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August**

9.00am Mass

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

9.00am Mass

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

9.00am Mass

9.30am Adoration

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

7.00pm Mass

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

6.00pm Mass

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

*Transfiguration of the Lord*

**Morning Tea**

8.30am Mass

10.00am Mass



## FATHER'S DAY IS COMING...

**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

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**To be drawn after 10am  
Mass 27<sup>th</sup> August**



## MASS OFFERING

**Mass Intentions** – Barbara Kenny, Kingsley Ariyaratne

**Recently Deceased** – Fr Stephen Cooney

**Wellbeing of** – Brad, Brother Leonard, Anna Alfonso, John Roche, Enzo Varriale



“Jesus, who is the hidden treasure and the pearl of great value, cannot but inspire joy, all the joy in the world, the joy of discovering a meaning in life, the joy of committing oneself to the adventure of holiness. Pray that the Blessed Virgin Mary might help us to seek after the treasure of the Kingdom of Heaven every day, so that the love God has given us through Jesus may be manifested in our words and acts.” *Pope Francis July 2020*

## 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 **Toczyłowski**

Julie & Dominic **Palumbo**

God bless you all on your special day



## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**REMEMBERING MARY MACKILLOP - MEMORIES, and MORNING TEA** A time to gather and pray with St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, **Tuesday 8 August 10am, Kilmolee at Safety Bay, 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay.**

Donation \$5.00. Please bring a plate of food to share. **RSVP by 1<sup>st</sup> Aug** Dianne Colborne rsj on 95273240 or [safety.bay@sosj.org.au](mailto:safety.bay@sosj.org.au)



Get creative and find original ways to reuse plastics in your home

**Archdiocesan Marriage Mass, Saturday, August 19 @ 10am, St Mary's Cathedral.**

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this special Mass. A blessing will be bestowed on ALL married couples who attend. In addition, do you know a couple celebrating a milestone anniversary 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50+ years of marriage? The bishops would like to give these couples a special commemorative certificate as part of the celebration. Register below before 10<sup>th</sup> August. <https://bit.ly/marriagemass2023>

**MEDITATION PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE** Sun 20 August 7-8pm (Chapel doors open at 6.30pm), St Joseph's Chapel, 16 York St, South Perth. Bring a torch and a friend! Call Sr Maree Riddler, 0414 683 926 or email [maree.riddler@sosj.org.au](mailto:maree.riddler@sosj.org.au)

## SAVE THE DATE

The Next morning tea will be Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August after each mass. Please come along for a chat and a cuppa **Please bring a plate to share**

Please refrain from sitting on the steps leading into the Church. This is a safety hazard in accordance with Council guidelines in case of an emergency. Please use the pews or spare seats provided. Thank you



## Rosary

Special devotion of the rosary will be recited every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before 8.30am & 10am Mass



## 2023 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The email address of the Sacramental Program coordinator is: [comocath.sacramental@ymail.com](mailto:comocath.sacramental@ymail.com)

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

For more news about what's happening around the Archdiocese or Employment, please see the Notice board in the foyer

## 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.

### 6 of 12 Safeguarding Messages:

*Listen to your body if you feel scared. If you get early warning signs (EWS) go and tell a trusted adult. EWS are sweaty palms, racing heart, sick tummy*  
This message is placed at the request of the Safeguarding Office of the Perth Archdiocese.

# 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

## FIRST READING

Kings 3:5,7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, "Ask what you would like me to give you". Solomon replied, "Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. "Since you have asked for this" the Lord said "and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you".

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, I love your commands

## SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds `The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. `Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. `Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes'. And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old'.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

### Next Sunday's Readings

#### Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalms: 96:1-2, 5-6, 9

2 Peter 1:16-19

Mark 9:2-10



This year marks the 70th anniversary of Dr John Billings' research into finding a natural, reliable method of Fertility Awareness for couples. A free webinar entitled "Understanding Couple Fertility: the Male Perspective" will be held Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 5.30pm AWST. Follow the link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/understanding-couple-fertility-the-male-perspective-webinar-tickets>

## KIDS' CORNER

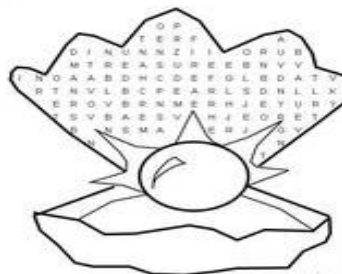
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### The Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

The kingdom of heaven is like ...



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Treasure  
Man  
Joy  
Sold  
Merchant  
Pearls  
Value

Find the hidden words

He went away and sold everything he had and bought it.



### 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today Jesus tells us a story to explain that the kingdom of God is like a priceless treasure that we would swap our most precious possessions for



### LET US PRAY

Lord, help me to store up my riches in heaven, not on earth. To know what is important and not to waste my time on worthless things.

## ROSTERS

		Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
<b>COMMENTATOR/READER</b>				
29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> July	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord	Amanda Johnson	Alex Wu	Pascale Tin
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> August	Transfiguration of the Lord	Frank Giannini	Lyn Hope-Hume	Anne Armstrong
<b>ACOLYTE</b>				
29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> July	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord	Hasan Sidi	Michael Taylor	Dimitrio Sidi
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> August	Transfiguration of the Lord	Daniel Bianchini	John Newman	Tony Bray
<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>				
29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> July	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord	Hugh Morris Vasana Boonyothayan	Claudia Taylor-Beard Dominic Newman	K Don Shannel K Don Shenehan
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> August	Transfiguration of the Lord	Nicolas Willey Dinuli Kariyakarawana	Leo Newman Dominc Newman	Ethan Tsia Martina Teran-Carrasco
<b>CHOIR</b>				
29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> July	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord	Samuel Yeow (Organist)	Holy Family Choir	Burmese Choir
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> August	Transfiguration of the Lord	Sagrada Familia	Holy Family Choir	D'Cantor Choir

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