Holy Family Parish Bulletin Como - Kensington

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 Weekend Masses
 Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am
 Weekday Masses: Tuesday – Friday 9am

 Reconciliation:
 Saturday 5.00pm-5.30pm
 Baptisms and Marriage: Email: holyfamilycomocatholic@gmail.com

 Adoration:
 Thursday 9.30am-10.30am
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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B

Sunday 8th September 2024



The Liturgy of the Word

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts, Courage! do not be afraid. `Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, `Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, `Stand over there' or `You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

> Next Sunday's Readings 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 50: 5-9 Ps 114: 1-6, 8-9. R, v, 9 James 2: 14-18 Mark 8: 27-35

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Alleluia

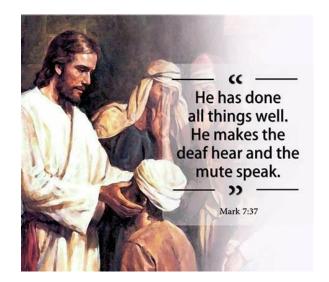
GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him. `Ephphatha', that is, `Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened, and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. `He has done all things well,' they said `he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



PARISH DIARY 9th to 15th SEPTEMBER 2024

MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER No Mass



TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 9.00am Mass

10.00-11.00am Funeral

WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

9.00am Mass 10.00am-1.30pm Adsumus Parish Renewal - Hall

THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 9.00am Mass 9.30-10.30am Adoration

FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 9.00am Mass 11.00am-12.00pm Wedding - Church

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

3.00-6.00pm SPP Sacramental Meeting – MR1 5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Mass

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.30am Mass (Children's Liturgy) 10.00am Mass (Children's liturgy)

Thank you to all who contributed to and helped sell tickets for the Father's Day raffle. The parish raised \$758.10 which will go thank towards the restoration of the church roof.

PARISH 1ST AND 2ND COLLECTION

The 1st Collection supports the Priest. The 2nd Collection supports the cost of running the Parish, including insurances and the upkeep of the church building and repairs & maintenance.

Thank you all for your generosity

1ST and 2ND COLLECTION TAP AND GO MACHINES IN

Each machine is marked as 1st and 2nd collection and you need to tap each machine, selecting the amount you wish to offer. There are two (2) cash chutes next to each machine which can be used as cash drops for each collection.

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

PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS via DIRECT DEBIT

We still offer the option of direct debit for both 1st & 2nd collection:

1ST Collection Account BSB 086 006 A/C number 181363301

2nd Collection Account BSB 036 050 A/C number 790041 Reference: Your Initial and Surname. Any gueries related to Planned Giving should be directed to the Parish Office.

Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit, and inflame my heart with love & compassion. Make me attentive to the We stand needs of others, that I may before you show them kindness and care. Make me an instrument of your mercy and peace, that I may help others find healing and wholeness in you.



PARISH QUIZ NIGHT Friday 20th September 7pm **TICKETS ON SALE TODAY**

Don't miss out, tables will go quickly. Table sheets for pre-paid tickets are now in the Church foyer to SHONLY fill out. There are tables of 8

QUIZ NIGHT DONATIONS DONATIONS OF CHOCOLATES Would be greatly appreciated for prizes on the night.

You can leave other items, chocolate or cash & vouchers in the marked tubs & box in the fover



mission FROM CATHOLIC Reach out. Give life. MISSION

The amount donated by the **Como** Parish for the 2024 Catholic Mission appeal was **\$1,545.** Thank you for your generous response. The amount raised will go towards helping our missionaries in Mongolia to provide safe haven and support for vulnerable people escaping domestic violence and homelessness. If you are interested in volunteering, or leaving a bequest for the missions, please contact Francis Leong on 6234 1760 or at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au

BAPTISM

Parents who wish to have children, currently attending primary school, prepare for baptism, are invited to get an enrolment form from the parish office & submit by 8 Sept 2024. The dates of a 7-week preparation program will be announced in due course.

THE CRAFT GROUP would like to thank everyone who bought items from the stall on Sunday. They raised \$460, which will go towards the church roof fund. There are still items left to buy from the office on the weekends.



Members of the Sacred Heart Sodality Past and Present

Recently Deceased: James (Jim) Gatt

If you would like a mass offered, please pass your offering envelope to Father before mass on the day. Father will read out the names at the beginning of Mass.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Norah Langshaw, Waminda Residents, Stella & Family, Reamae David, Mary Colladel, Dragutin Markovic, Maureen Galligan, Daisy Givens, Nadia O'Brien, Mary & Ben Bianchini, Mary Hippolite, Reg& Joyce Groutsch, Ed Devereux, Heather Jordan, Serafini Family, Josie Staude, Ng Choon Bee, Ng Chai Hong, Bridget Lewis, Seamus Bray, Paddy & Jackie Embry, Caroline, Wayne, Ethan, Liam & Scarlett, Sonali, Sachini, Norman Bickley, Amondo Robels & Fe Fontanini, Eric Cain, Yolanda, Kerry & John Hardwick

SAFEGUARDING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, hear our voices as we pray for your care and protection. Strengthen and guide us as we strive to make our Catholic communities a safe place for all. Give us the wisdom and courage to listen with open hearts, see with open eyes, and speak out to ensure children and adults are safe, loved, respected, and cared for. We also pray for those who have been harmed. Give them the courage to seek the truth and to heal. May we all strive to understand our collective responsibility to work together to safeguard our Catholic communities. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen

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.





POPE FRANCIS GOSPEL REFLECTON

The Gospel for today's liturgy presents Jesus who heals a deaf man with a speech impediment. What is striking about this story is how the Lord performs this prodigious sign. He took the deaf man aside, put his finger into the man's ears, and touched his tongue with saliva. Then he looked up to heaven, and said "Ephphatha", that is, "Be opened!". In other healings, for infirmities as serious as paralysis or leprosy, Jesus did not do as many things. So why does he do all of this, even though they had only asked him to lay his hands on the sick man? Maybe, it was because that person's condition had a particularly symbolic value. The condition of deafness is also a symbol that can say something to all of us. We all have ears, but very often we are not able to hear. Why is this? It is interior deafness, which is worse than physical deafness, because it is the deafness of the heart. We do not find time to stop and listen to those who speak to us. We run the risk of becoming impervious to everything and not making room for those who need to be heard. I am thinking about children, young people, the elderly, the many who do not really need words and sermons, but to be heard. Let us ask ourselves: how is my capacity to listen going? Do I know how to spend time with those who are close to me in order to listen? This regards all of us, but in a special way also priests. The priest must listen to people, not in a rushed way, but listen and see how he can help, but after having listened. The healing of the heart begins with listening. This is what restores the heart. "But Father, there are boring people who say the same things over and over again" Listen to them, and when they have finished talking, you may speak but listen to everything. Today, as on the day of our Baptism, we hear the words of Jesus addressed to us: "Ephphatha, be opened!" Open your ears. Jesus, I want to open myself to your Word open myself to listening to you; heal my heart from being closed, heal my heart from impatience. 05-09-21 Angelus, St Peter's Square (Part)

"Every conversation matters"

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respect the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people especially those who are vulnerable. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SPRING IN SEPTEMBER AN AUSTRALIAN LANDSCAPE:

Spring awakens and reinvigorated the natural world of which we are an integral part "When one flower blooms, spring awakens everywhere". From Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd September at Kilmolee Retreat House, 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay. Facilitators: Megan Phillips and Geraldine Taylor. Contact: Sr Dianne Colborne on 95273240 or Dianne.Colborne@sosj.org.au

KIDS

CATHOLIC EARTHCARE CONVOCATION 2024 FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

Earthcare You are invited to participate in the Catholic Earthcare Convocation for the Season of Creation. 2 days of online learning; 12/09-13/09/24. A 3rd day is offered inperson at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, Highgate on Sat 14/09/24. Any further info, contact Carol Mitchell at carol.mitchell@perthcatholic.org.au Registration at https://www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Unless we know someone who is deaf we take the gift of hearing for granted. We never stop to imagine how different our life would be if we could not hear. Today we hear how one deaf man's world would never be the same.

LET US PRAY

Dear God, we thank you today for the gift of hearing. Help us to listen and appreciate all the wonderful sounds around us and pray for all those who only know the sound of silence.

WEEKEND ROSTER											
		Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am							
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7 th & 8 th September	23 rd Sunday in Ord	C. Helen Mason R. Michelle Teo EME. Rose Hart	C. Lyn Hope-Hume R. Jill Browne EME. Geraldine Taylor	C. Anne Armstrong R. Cecilia Bray EME. Pascale Tin							
14 th & 15 th September	24 th Sunday in Ord	C. Clara Johnson R. Amanda Johnson EME. Christina Sidi	C. Susannah Robinson R. Jacinta Vu EME. Margaret Loraine	C. Pascal Yip R. Cyril D'Silva EME. Grace Toczylowski							
ACOLYTES											
7 th & 8 th September	23 rd Sunday in Ord	Hasan Sidi	John Newman	Tony Bray							
14 th & 15 th September	24 th Sunday in Ord	Dimitrio Sidi	Shajy Vadukoot	Leo Burke							
		ALTAR SERVER									
7 th & 8 th September	23 rd Sunday in Ord	Nicolas Willey Raegan Tanuwidjaja	Claudia Taylor Beard Palak Vadukoot	K Don Shannel Samantha Teran- Carrasco							
14 th & 15 th September	24 th Sunday in Ord	Edith Johnson Elizabeth Morrison	Evelyn Newman Lilyanna Bell	Angel Sara Siby Delena Tran							

DO YOU LIKE GARDENING If you can spare an hour or so on a Saturday from 8am the gardening group would love to hear from you. The Parish needs help to keep the parish gardens looking beautiful. Please bring along your gardening tools and your gloves and enjoy the great outdoors. If you can help, 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. LOST PROPERTY BOX

Any lost property? The lost property box is in the office.

