

Holy Family Parish Bulletin

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3rd Sunday in Lent - Year C



The Liturgy of the Word

Sunday 23rd March 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-8.14-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of Yahweh appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now Yahweh saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said, 'Take off your shoes for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them up out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow. Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you". But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you".' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "Yahweh, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you". This is my name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING

Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12

I want to remind you, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ.

In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower of Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied, "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your hour, for ever singing your praise.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

4th Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9-12 / Psalm 33:2-7

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 / Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

PARISH DIARY
24th – 30th March 2025

MONDAY 24th March

9.00am No Mass

TUESDAY 25th March

9.00am Mass - **The Annunciation of the Lord**

WEDNESDAY 26th March

9.00am Mass

THURSDAY 27th March

9.00am Mass

9.30am – 10.30am Adoration

FRIDAY 28th March

9.00am Mass

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

(John Paul II)

SATURDAY 29th March

5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Mass

SUNDAY 30th March

4th Sunday of Lent

8.30am Mass (Morning Tea)

10.00am Mass (Morning Tea)

EASTER MASSES

- * **Stations of the Cross** – every Friday 7.00pm (During Lent)
- * **2nd Rite of Reconciliation** – 2nd April – 7.00pm
- * **Palm Sunday** – 12th/13th April
- * **Holy Thursday** – 17th April - 7pm
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.30pm
- * **Good Friday** – 18th April
- Stations of the Cross 10.00am
- Passion of the Lord 3.00pm
- * **Easter Vigil** – 19th April 6pm
- * **Easter Sunday** – 20th April
8.30am / 10.00am

NEW OFFICE HOURS

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**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

3rd Sunday of Lent
22nd and 23rd of March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



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**Our process of
Welcoming New
Catholics**

The present Group of 10 Enquirers is currently meeting each Sunday, supported by 8 Sponsors and facilitators. This month of March the Group meets in the South Perth Parish each Sunday beginning with the 9.30am Mass and continuing till 11.30. The following month of April we will meet in the Manning Parish. Then back at Holy Family, Como. The Group is supported by the 3 Parish Priests and Parish Communities. Please continue to pray for these Catechumens and Candidates as they grow in their love for, and knowledge, of God and the Catholic Faith. If you have any questions, please call **Tony Pires - 0418 900 046**

**PARISH BADGES AND
BUTTON BADGE PENS**

Father Dat has an idea and is Keen to create parish badges & Button badge pens. These can be used for pilgrimages, given to the Sacramental Children or Children's Liturgy. This concept will begin once Father Dat returns from his pilgrimage. You can view the examples in the foyer. If you are interested, please send your details to the office by email at como@perthcatholic.org.au



MASS INTENTIONS:

All Holy Family Parishioners

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, 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, Paddy Embry, Caroline, Wayne, Ethan, Liam & Scarlett, Sonali, Sachini, Norman Bickley, Amondo Robels & Fe Fontanini, Eric, Kerry & John Hardwick, Jake Manricks, Michael, Nadia, Adrian, Annie, Reg & May, Margaret & Arthur, Margaret Harrington, Edith Johnson, Barry O'Malley, Rhys, Brit, David, Janelle, Molly, Marlene Bissett, Brian Schofield, Ross Moir, Chris Baker, Ann Salmon, Jeffrey Bonser, Natasha & Paul Sanderson, Lynn Errington, Susan Pyper, Elaine, Barbara, Julie & Ray, Declan & Family, Jessie Amphlett, Rita Anderson, Brendan, Joshua, Roy Camille, Antonette & George, Mark Lewis, Alyssa & Genaro, Yolanda, Sarah, Fred, Nubia, Aura, Diego, William and family, Nicola Synnott, Carmel Lee, Joanna, Sarina, Anne Armstrong, Elaine Newman, Helen Peters, Carmel, Osnain Family, Ambiga Selvendra, Veronica Fitzgerald, William, Baby BB, Gladys, Gloria, Hector, Cristina, Myriam, Carlos, Flias, Almonte Family, Bernadette, Heather D, Emer Heery, Anita, Rosalie & Goldie, Gabrielle & Lilian Hayes, Fr Prabhu, Msgr Brian O'Loughlin, Ben, Monica Villaneuva, Kenny Michael Tan, Claire, Vivian Mendes, Rosetta Napoli, Annalisa Turturiello, Lewis Family, Jono, Janet

**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 Be Strong, be brave.
ALWAYS speak out if you feel unsafe. This message is placed at the request of the Safeguarding Office of the Perth Archdiocese.



When in Rome, do as the Romans do! Our first Holy Door was at St Peter's Basilica touching it with prayer. Our second Holy Door was at St Paul's Basilica, praying the Stations of the Cross between St Paul's statue and the tomb.

Moving outside of Rome, we travelled towards the mountainous Cinque Terre, and transited through Florence, a city of pagan artwork and sculptures, finding understanding and comfort from St Paul's letters to the Romans.

Riomaggiore was our first stop at Cinque Terre. I celebrated, in Italian, Mass at St John the Baptist church, highlighting the universal church. With this blessing we continued to Manarola, Vernazza, Corniglia and Monterosso. Returning to Rome, we visited Pisa, our first sight was the Baptismal Chapel, then the leaning bell tower, and finally the cathedral. We recalled and prayed for our parish RCIA members.

Our final two Holy Doors were at St John Lateran and St Mary Major. At the Basilica of St John Lateran we reflected on the artwork and the statues of the Apostles. At St Mary Major Basilica, there were confessions and time for adoration. We prayed the rosary in the chapel of St Mary Major for the intentions of the parish.

Given we still have a few days left, pilgrims were asked to reflect on positive changes they have experienced. The spirit led us to common realisation that spiritual journey can provide opportunities to re-discover prayer, experience the universal church, bringing alive sacred scriptures, being part of a group, and encountering other pilgrims. As pilgrims we look forward to continuing our strong spiritual journey. Godspeed.

Fr Dat Vuong

Rather than "giving something up" maybe "take something on.?"

Rather than seeing Lent as a period of denial and deprivation, we can view Lent as an invitation to commit to positive actions, like volunteering, donating money, or practicing deeper contemplation. By virtue of committing to something new, we also give something else up. We sacrifice our time and commit it to service or to God. Lent, fundamentally, is about facing the hardest elements of human existence — suffering, mortality, death. The Easter cycle, true to life, is a gritty one. In this sacred time, we should confront what we often ignore. For centuries, Christians have used fasting as a tool to turn attention away from worldly goods towards God and Truth. By letting something go, we practice loosening our grip on our own concerns to make space for greater, deeper concerns. How are we working this Lent?

Tony Pires

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



<https://events.humantix.com/2025-aquinas-college-open-day/tickets>

**THE YEAR OF THE JUBILEE 2025
'Pilgrims of Hope'**

If you would like to be apart of our parish pilgrimage group, please put your name down on the sign-up sheet in the foyer or emailing Joanne or Mareen in the office at como@perthcatholic.org.au.

Next pilgrimage to some of the designated sites for the Year of the Jubilee is Monday 2 June (Foundation Day public holiday).

For information on the Jubilee and what it means for Catholics please see the church noticeboard. There copies of the *Decree on the Granting of the Indulgence* you to take home To fully engage in the spirit of the please follow the Vatican website at: <https://www.jubileeum2025.va/en.html> or visit the Centre for Liturgy website throughout the year at: <https://liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au/jubilee-year-2025/>



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**GALILEANS BLOOD SINNERS REPENT
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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sometimes when we are ready to give up, we decide to give something one more chance and then find that we finally succeed! God is always ready to give us another chance, even when we get things wrong time and time again.

LET US PRAY

Lord, take my hand and show me the way. Help to get me up when I fall and to try again, knowing that you will always give me another chance.

WEEKEND ROSTER

		Saturday 6:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
COMMENTATOR/READER				
22 nd /23 rd March	3 rd Sunday of Lent	C. Dimitrio Sidi R. Dimitrio Sidi EME Grace Toczyłowski	C. Peter Messer R. Tony Pires EME Lyn Hope-Hume	C. Jennifer Low R. Fiona Wee EME Pascale Tin
29 th /30 th March	4 th Sunday of Lent	C. Carolyn Watson R. Michelle Teo EME Helen Mason	C. Breda Pires R. Jacinta Vu EME Marie Tiley	C. Michael Danagher R. Cecilia Yap EME Vicki Ha
5 th /6 th April	5 th Sunday of Lent	C. Carolyn Watson R. Michelle Teo EME Margaret Loraine	C. Lyn Hope-Hume R. Jill Browne EME Geraldine Taylor	C. Cecilia Yap R. Michael Danagher EME Pascale Tin
ACOLYTES				
22 nd /23 rd March	3 rd Sunday of Lent	Hasan Sidi	Michael Taylor	Tony Bray
29 th /30 th March	4 th Sunday of Lent	Dimitrio Sidi	John Newman	James Chong
5 th /6 th April	5 th Sunday of Lent	Hasan Sidi	Shajy Vadukoot	Leo Burke
ALTAR SERVER				
22 nd /23 rd March	3 rd Sunday of Lent	Nicholas Willey Hayden Willey	Leo Newman Patrick Newman	Samantha Teran- Carrasco Ethan George
29 th /30 th March	4 th Sunday of Lent	Elizabeth Morris Hugh Morris	Lilyanna Bell Evelyn Newman	Sierra Ong Angel Siby
5 th /6 th April	5 th Sunday of Lent	Isabelle Chiew Dinuli Kariyakarawana	Palak Vadukoot Evelyn Newman	Jovan Halim Delena Tran

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