

# Holy Family Como Bulletin



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**Weekend Masses** Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am

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

**Reconciliation:** 5.30pm Saturday **Baptisms & Marriage:** By appointment Only **Adoration:** Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm

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## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Sunday 12 July 2020

"Some [seed] fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soul was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." Matthew 13: 1-23

**"A sower went out wearing a face mask . . ."**

Jesus might have told this parable:

**"A terrible sickness struck a village.** The people were terrified of getting sick and wanted to know what to do."



The doctor asked the people to wear face masks to protect one another. We will! they all said. Some did for a while, but they found the masks uncomfortable, and made it difficult to breathe, so they soon stopped wearing them.

"The rabbi asked the people to share their food with the poor and sick. We will! they all promised. But many became more and more concerned for their own needs and that of their families, so they kept their barns and larders full — and locked.

"The mayor asked the merchants to close their shops and innkeepers to close their taverns so people would not gather and spread the sickness. We will! they all agreed. They did so for a few days, but their profits dropped, and they could not pay their help, so, slowly, one by one, they quietly re-opened.

"Soon, the sickness took the lives of many in the poor village.

"But then there were the good folk who understood that wearing face masks protected others from the sickness, who kept their distance from one another so the sickness would not spread, (even though they missed one another terribly), who readily shared what they had with those who had little. Oh, it was very hard, and there were many days when they wanted to give up. But they persevered.

"Because of them, many people did not get sick and survived. "Blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear," Jesus would have said.

**The parable of the sower challenges us to check the "thinness" of the soil in our hearts that results in our faith withering in the noonday heat; the "rockiness" of self-centeredness and avarice that prevents God's "seed" of generosity and peace from taking root in us; the "thorns" of**



**bigotry and self-righteousness that "choke" the possibility of providing for the poor, healing the broken, lifting up the fallen.**

**Our own response to the coronavirus is a good measure of the "richness" of our faith and its potential for the "seed" of God's Word to take root and realize in our lives the harvest of justice and compassion that is the Kingdom of God.**

## HOLY FAMILY DIARY 13 - 19 July 2020

### Monday 13 July

- No Mass

### Tuesday 14 July

- 7.00pm Mass

### Wednesday 15 July

- 9.00am Mass  
- 9.30am Craft Group  
- 10.45am Meath Care Mass

### Thursday 16 July

- 9.00am Mass  
- 10.30am Regis Como Mass

### Friday 17 July

- 7.00pm Mass

### Saturday 18 July

- 6.00pm Mass

### Sunday 19 July 16TH SUNDAY OF ORD TIME

- 8.30am Mass  
- 10.00am Mass



Please be advised that the church office will be unattended due to annual leave from 7th July - 17th July.

If the matter is urgent please call Rose on **0451191944** or email [como@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:como@perthcatholic.org.au)

If the matter is not urgent please call **94505921** leave a message & we will get back to you as soon as we can.

If you would like a mass offering during this time, please leave your envelope on the counter in the office.



There will be **NO ADORATION** during school holidays. Thursday 16th July.



### Pope's Missionary Prayer Intention for July

We are invited to pray for families. During this COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis reminds us that *"The family ought to be protected. It faces many dangers: the fast pace of life, stress... Sometimes, parents forget to play with their children. We need to encourage families and stay at their side, helping them to discover ways that allow them to overcome all of these difficulties. Let us pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance."*

## MASS OFFERING (at all Masses) Holy Family parishioners

### Please pray for the recently departed:

Mark Haydock  
John Francis  
Dhanushka Gunasekera  
Jose Veloor

### POWER OF PRAYER

Carolyn Gonsalves, Dallas Danahar, John Spencer, Narelle, Jessica, Tim D, Julie McCarthy, Barbara, Mary and Des, Venessa, Rocha, Nyguen, D'Silva and families, Rhys

## 2020 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM REVISED DATES

The Archdiocese has allowed First Reconciliation and First Eucharist programs to resume.

### Ceremony dates:

**First Reconciliation:**  
Saturday, 5 September - 2.00pm

**First Eucharist:**  
Sunday, 25 October - 10.00am

### Confirmation:

Remains temporarily suspended

### Lesson dates:

First Reconciliation lessons will recommence on Sunday 26th July at 10am.

First Eucharist lessons will recommence on Saturday 25th July at 4.30pm.

Parents have been advised of the new dates.



The Parish is looking for volunteers to help use the laptop to project in the church during some of the weekend masses. Please contact the office if you would like to help.

## SECOND COLLECTION

If you wish to contribute to the 2nd Collection, go to the parish website & download a pledge form, contact the office 94505921 or email, [como@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:como@perthcatholic.org.au)  
The parish direct debit details are as follows:

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God bless Fr Ossie

## COVID-19 Coronavirus Disease

### HELP STOP THE SPREAD

#### AVOID CLOSE CONTACT

Avoid close contact with sick people, and when you're sick. Maintain distance at least 6-ft

#### STAY HOME WHEN YOU ARE SICK

If you feel sick, go home to prevent the spread of germs, and remain at home until better

#### COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE

Cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash

#### CLEAN YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds. Or use an alcohol-based hand rub

#### AVOID TOUCHING, YOUR EYES, NOSE, OR MOUTH

Prevent touching something contaminated with germs, and then to eyes, nose, or mouth

#### PRACTICE OTHER GOOD HEALTH HABITS

Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces  
•Get Sleep  
•Be Physically Active  
•Manage Your Stress  
•Drink Plenty of Fluids  
•Eat Nutritious Foods



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES JULY 2020

Congratulations to the following who celebrate anniversaries in July  
Joan & Evans **Barnabas**  
Kiki & Nancy **Susanto**  
Peter & Heather **Jordan**  
Bernard & Joanne **Sloan**  
Christina & Hasan **Sidi**  
Belson & Anna **Yong**  
Lee & Katrina **Bolden**  
Anthony & Cheri-Rosalyn **Tan**  
Joe **Powers** & Kate **Roff**  
Colin & Therese **Howarth**  
**God bless you on your special day**

# Liturgy of the Word - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 55:10-11*

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

1. Your care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth.
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

## SECOND READING

*Romans 8:18-23*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal

his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 13:1-9*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**16th Sunday in Ord Time Yr A**

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Psalms: 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43

  
 Australian Government  
 OFFICIAL MEDICAL ADVICE

**Coronavirus:**  
**social distancing**  
**saves lives.**

Even if you don't feel symptoms, you must exercise healthy social distancing to prevent the virus spreading to others and the more vulnerable.

**Every Australian must** play their part to help stop the spread.



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## 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus often told stories called *parables* to help people understand something important. Today we hear the parable of the sower.

## LET US PRAY

Jesus, help us to listen to and understand your message, so that our hearts and lives will be filled with God's love.





# Archdiocese News

Enclosed is a letter from the Archbishop Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB DD inviting parishioners to lodge a submission voicing concern about the proposed mandatory reporting of information given in confession to a priest regarding child abuse. This response can be made by accessing the letter from the Parish or the Archdiocesan websites and following the live link.

## NEW DATES FOR 2020 PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLIES ANNOUNCED

The 2 assemblies for the 5th Plenary Council of Australia will be held in Adelaide on 3-10 October 2021 & in Sydney on 4-9 July 2022. Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, President of the Plenary Council, said the confirmation of the dates would help in the formulation of a revised schedule of preparation for Council delegates, who were announced in March 2020 & for the entire Catholic community.

## ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website <https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>. Closing date 31 July 2020.


## Children's Corner

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