



# JESUS, MERCY: mary, help!

SUNDAY BULLETIN FOR THE PARTNERED PARISHES OF  
CHRIST THE KING IN BRAYBROOK AND  
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP IN MAIDSTONE



3rd Sunday of Advent (B)

Members of the Western Highway Deanery  
17th December 2017

The Third Sunday of Advent is *Gaudete* Sunday, a Sunday of rejoicing. The Church, the People of God, rejoices in salvation from sin, inviting everyone to rejoice and create conditions that the salvation brought by the Lord Jesus may be shared by all.

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

Response: My soul rejoices in my God.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Alleluia: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28

Prayer: God, source of our joy, listen to our prayer.

## REJOICE THE LORD IS NEAR...

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” This Sunday is so named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today’s Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

Today we hear about the coming of John the Baptist and his announcement of the Messiah, Jesus. The “light” in the beginning of this passage refers to Jesus, the eternal Word of God. This Gospel makes clear that John is not the Messiah but came to prepare the way for Jesus, the Christ. People were wondering about the identity of John. He was certainly creating quite a stir by his preaching and baptizing. The Jews were expecting the Messiah to come, so they wondered if John might be him. But John makes clear he is not.

Furthermore, with the coming of the Messiah, the Jews were anticipating the return of the great Prophet Elijah. But John makes clear he is not him either. Nor is he “the Prophet,” another expected figure in the Messianic age. He, in fact, is the forerunner to the Messiah. John certainly had a prophetic and even Elijah-like role (interestingly, if we read carefully some of the texts about John we see that he dressed like Elijah [camel’s hair and a leather belt] and had the same diet as Elijah [locusts and wild honey]), but he did not want in any way to take away attention from Jesus. He was not the focus. Rather, his role was to help the people be ready for the Messiah. Jesus had grown up among the people but his true identity as the Messiah was not revealed until his baptism by John and his following public ministry. John acknowledged the greatness of Jesus and announced his coming, calling the people to repent so their hearts would be ready to encounter God in the flesh. In a similar way, we are called to prepare our hearts during Advent through repentance as we prepare to encounter Christ in Christmas.

# Gaudete

Rejoice  
in the Lord always  
again I will say,  
Rejoice

Philippians 4:4



## Mass Schedule

### SUNDAY

St. John's	8:00 am
Christ the King	9:30 am
Our Lady's	10:00 am
Vietnamese Mass	3:00 pm <sup>1</sup>
Filipino Mass	3:00 pm <sup>2</sup>
Christ the King	5:00 pm
Our Lady's	6:30 pm

### MONDAY

Christ the King	8:00 am
Our Lady's	8:00 am

### TUESDAY to SATURDAY

Christ the King	8:00 am
Our Lady's	9:00 am

### WEDNESDAY

Our Lady's	7:00 pm <sup>3</sup>
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### SATURDAY (Vigil Mass)

Our Lady's	5:00 pm
Christ the King	6:30 pm

### CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday after the morning Masses and 30 mins. before the evening Masses.

### BAPTISMS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

### MARRIAGE

3 months-notice required.

<sup>1</sup> Sunday Masses in Vietnamese are held at Our Lady's Church every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays and at Christ the King Church every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.

<sup>2</sup> Sunday Mass in Filipino is held at Our Lady's Church every third Sunday of the month.

<sup>3</sup> The Wednesday evening Mass incorporates the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

## Vocation View

Rejoice always! Our Savior is near! The call to priesthood and/or religious life is a source of great joy to those who embrace their call with their whole heart, mind and soul (1 Thes 5:16)



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Praying for Ancestors, thanksgiving for VCE result.

### Comfort & Healing

Cesare Bettoni, Eric Raveza, Nip Frogosa, Jack Considine, Vin Beasley, Rutillo Llovito, Sabrina Janz, Roselyn David, Carozon Robles, Remedios Laplana, Patricia Shires, Jose Mastruzzo, Glad Trevillian, Tony Rabusin, Nell Monagle, Fortunato Scalzo, Leone Morganti, Jamie Dumapias, Richard Brown, Cesar Banzon, Sydonia Maslanyk, Margaret Horley, Marie Henwood, Benjamin Raj, Maria Ta Thi Hue, Leonie Drayton, Allan Arias, Lawrie Green.

### Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Nguyen Thi Le Chau, Giuse Mai Van Tu

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Joseph Biue Van Nguyen, Giuse, Anna and Theresa, Phero Le Quang Liem.



## Preparation for CONFIRMATION

Preparation classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation will commence on **22 February 2018 at 5.00 pm**. Children are expected to be accompanied by an adult. Venue will be at the Parish Presbytery Pavilion in Maidstone. Please contact the Parish Office to enlist your child. Your child must be in year 6 or at least 11 years old.

## MINISTRIES & SERVICES

### ST. JOHN'S & OUR LADY'S

23rd & 24th December 2017

Mass Time	5.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.30pm
<b>Readers:</b>	<b>C</b> Lyette Almeida <b>R</b> Dulanga Tissera	Charles Budiman Sr Joan	Claire Lawson Austin Leong	Hung Trinh Kim Vu
<b>E Ministers:</b>	<b>1</b> Yvonne Jose <b>2</b> Benjamin <b>3</b>	Robert Brennan	Lorraine D'Silva Christine Mullan	William Napiza Teresa Napiza
<b>Music:</b>	<b>Mary's Choir</b>	<b>Recorded Music</b>	<b>Parish Choir</b>	<b>Himiq Filipino</b>
<b>Counters Team:</b>	<b>1</b> D. Do	R. Bernal		
<b>Cleaners Team:</b>	<b>1</b> Thi Cuc Vu	Le Anh Mach	Thi Thanh Huynh	

### CHRIST THE KING

Mass Time	6.30pm	9.30am	5.00pm
<b>Readers:</b>	<b>C</b> Quang Son Ho <b>R</b> John Ho <b>1</b> Hoa Ton <b>2</b> <b>3</b>	Christine Medina Christopher Chu Lan-Anh Tuyet Rosaline Raymundo Jim Proctor	Lorraine Rodrigues Brendon Sarabia Helen Delmo
<b>Music:</b>	<b>St Cecilia's Choir</b>	<b>Parish Choir</b>	<b>Recorded Music</b>
<b>Data Projector:</b>	Radley Cardente	Sophie Nguyen	Tom Luu
<b>Parish Bus:</b>	24- Dec	Helen	
<b>Counters Team:</b>			
<b>Cleaners Team:</b>			

### Next Week's Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38





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13 December 2017

Rev Renato Ramirez RCJ  
Catholic Presbytery  
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Dear Father Renato,

Further to your recent enquiry after consulting your people, I am pleased to advise you that, after consulting the Council of Priests and the Diocesan Consultors, I have amalgamated the Parishes of Maidstone and Braybrook in the new Parish of Holy Family which will take effect from 15 January 2018. Please note that a copy of the attached Decree needs to be displayed on the Church noticeboard in each of the Churches for one calendar month before that date, and that the matter is to be drawn to the attention of the faithful by the celebrant of the Mass at all parochial Masses in all Churches on Saturday evening, 13 January 2018, and Sunday 14 January 2018.

I forward this material as an attachment to an email and hard copies for your parishes and the archives, with a further copy for diocesan archives for both of those parishes.

With every good wish,

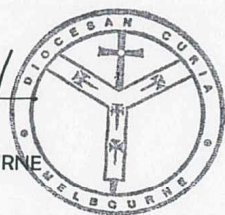
Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ *Denis J. Rost*

ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

*Nakutan*

NOTARY



**DEO GRATIAS!**

*"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"*

- 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 -18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

## stewardship

### St. John's Church

Presbytery	\$180.10
Church	\$321.65

### Our Lady's Church

Presbytery	\$1,176.25
Church	\$1,500.80

### Christ the King Church

Presbytery	\$514.10
Church	\$1,196.65

The first collection (Presbytery) supports the Parish Priest, his Assistant, the sick and retired Priests and the Archbishop

The second collection (Thanksgiving Envelopes) supports the Parish and the expenses of the Archdiocese.

## SCHOOLS

**St. John's Catholic School**  
34 Essex St., Footscray West VIC 3011  
Tel: 9687 3150 : Fax: 9687 9166  
principal@sjfootscray.catholic.edu.au

**Christ the King Primary School**  
28 Riley Court, Braybrook VIC 3019  
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**Caroline Chisholm Catholic College**  
65 Churchill Ave. Braybrook VIC 3019  
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## CONTACT INFORMATION

### CHURCHES

**Christ the King Church**  
67 Churchill Avenue, Braybrook VIC 3019

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church**  
46 Ballarat Road, Maidstone VIC 3012

**St. John the Evangelist Church**  
34 Essex Street, Footscray VIC 3012

*Fr. René Ramirez, RCJ*  
Parish Priest

*Fr. Gerald Biñegas, RCJ*  
Assistant Priest

*Sr. Helen Robinson, RSJ*  
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*Huong Nguyen & Tram Nguyen*  
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# Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

## ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS ORGAN RECITAL BY THOMAS HEYWOOD

Friday 22 December, 6.30–7.30pm  
St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East  
Melbourne

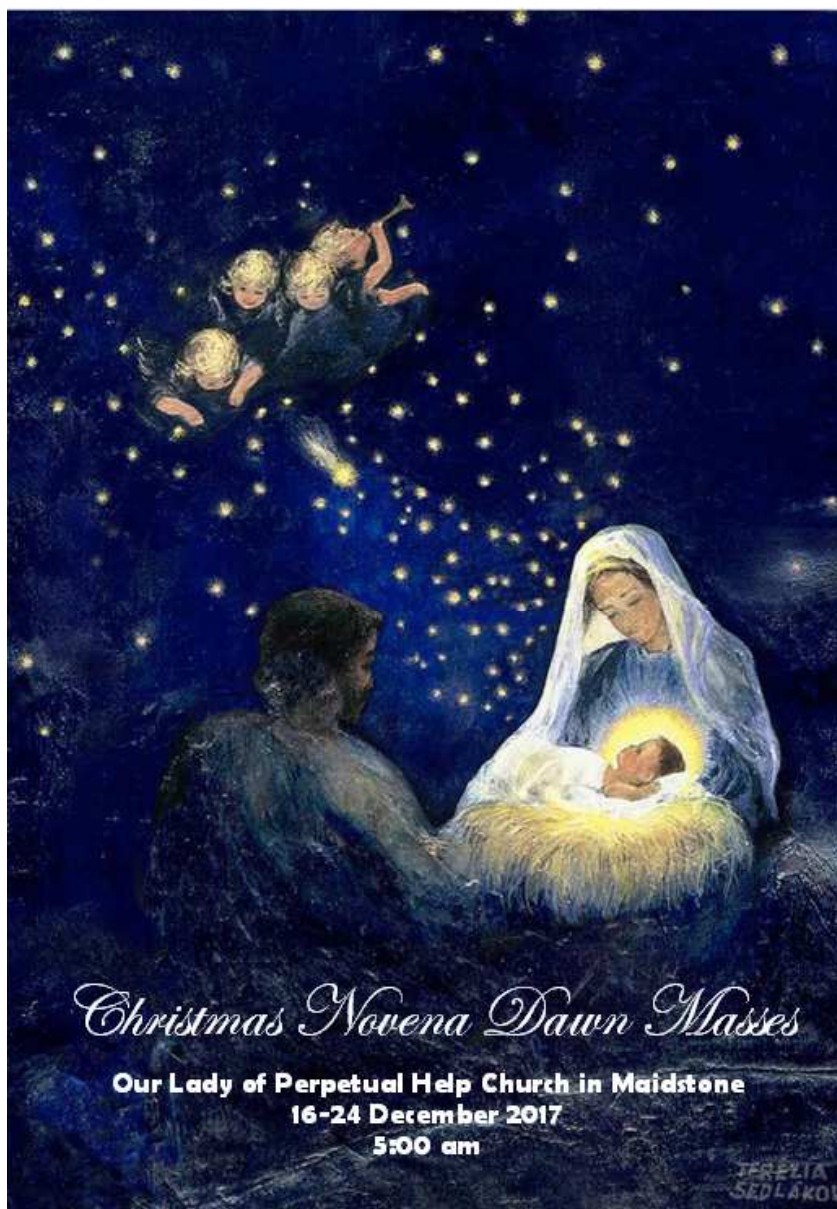
World renowned concert organist Thomas Heywood presents a sublime concert of Christmas music from the keyboard of St Pat's magnificent cathedral. In this one-off concert, Thomas will play music from the 17th to the 20th centuries, showcasing Christmas, the magnificent organ in St Patrick's and the superlative acoustic of the cathedral itself. Virtuoso and acknowledged master, Thomas enjoys an outstanding reputation as one of the world's finest concert organists. Since 1994, he has travelled over 1.2 million kilometres to perform solo concerts on the most celebrated pipe organs across the globe. Thomas has also performed more concerts in Australia than any other organist—to date, more than 1700 concerts to over 600,000 people.

— *What a stunning player Thomas Heywood is. His flawless technique is just the platform from which truly artistic and memorable performances flow.* (Editor's Choice, *Organists' Review*, UK)

— *The most compelling music making of any kind I've heard in ages.* (The Dallas Morning News, USA)

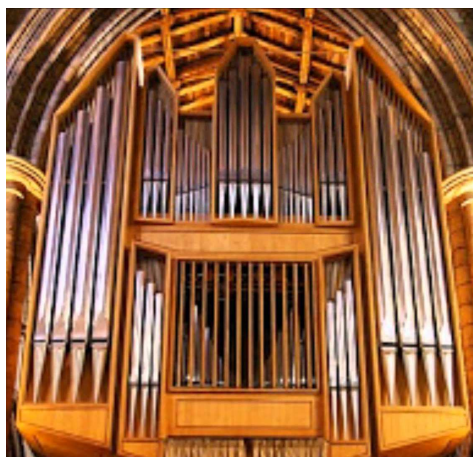
**Cost:** \$20 at the door. Children under 15 free.

**Details:** 9926 5753 or [paul.taylor@cam.org.au](mailto:paul.taylor@cam.org.au)



### Calendars and Christmas Cards

Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards are now available. Columban Calendars are \$7 each and St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards are \$2 per pack of five. For those interested, please contact Greg at 0403 613 745



To find out more ways on how you can help improve our Parochial Community please contact **Huong or Tram** at **9317-9298** from **Tuesdays to Saturdays between 9:00am to 12:00 noon** with email: [maidstone@cam.org.au](mailto:maidstone@cam.org.au) or visit our website at [www.ckol.org.au](http://www.ckol.org.au)

