



The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

Integrating the Catholic Communities of West Footscray, Maidstone & Braybrook in the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Today is Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of rejoicing. As we draw closer to Christmas, the liturgy invites us to cry out to God with joy and gladness. We should rejoice because our salvation is at hand. As we are very busy with our external preparations, we do our best to be spiritually prepared. We heed John the Baptist's challenge of translating renewal into concrete deeds. We try to be kind, honest, and truthful in our day-to-day living.

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Response: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

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

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Prayer: Listen to the prayer of your Church, Lord.

God takes the ordinary and makes it extraordinary!

What should we do? That question is at the heart of it all. What should we do?

We're celebrating the 3rd Sunday of Advent now. We're watching and waiting for the coming of Christ. And the same question might be in our hearts: What should we do?

In the gospel we just read, people came to John the Baptist with exactly that question. What should we do?

You would expect a dramatic answer from John the Baptist. After all, he's a dramatic character who wears camel's hair and eats locusts and preaches a tough message. But his answer to the question "What should we do?" might surprise us.

It all seems so ordinary. But God takes the ordinary, and makes it extraordinary. There's a striking verse in the first reading today, from the prophet Zephaniah. "The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty saviour; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals."

When God the Father looks at us he sees the image of his son, Jesus Christ. We are baptized Christians; we are transformed in Christ; we are children of God. In chapter 5 of the 2nd Letter to the Corinthians St Paul puts it like this: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come."

If this is true, then all our actions take on a new meaning. God looks on us with endless joy; and that means that our actions, however humdrum they may seem, if done out of love are part of that joy. God takes the ordinary and makes it extraordinary.

GREAT people
are just
ORDINARY PEOPLE
with GREAT
DESIRE.



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 ¹
Filipino Mass	3:00 pm ²
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, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Christ the King	8:00 am
Our Lady's	9:00 am
	7:00 pm ³

THURSDAY

Christ the King	9:15 am
Our Lady's	8:00 am

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

3rd Sunday of the month

MARRIAGE

3 months-notice required.

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

² Mass in Filipino is held at Our Lady's Church every 1st Saturday and third Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm.

³ The Wednesday evening Mass incorporates the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Next Week's Readings

Micah 5:1-4
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-44



Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Dallimore Family.
90th Birthday of Caryl Pereira

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Trevor Hall

ANNIVERSARIES: Affela Lamberti, Carmille Rafaeli, Del Giudice, Giuseppe and Nancy Rattino, Maria Pham Thi Lua, Anna Pham Thi Chat, Giuse Nguyen Van Phan, Maria Phan Thi Lua, Anna Pham Thi Chat, Giuse Nguyen Van Phan

Comfort & Healing

Cesare Bettoni, Nip Frogosa, Jack Considine, Rutillo Llovito, Sabrina Janz, Roselyn David, Carozon Robles, Remedios Laplana, Patricia Shires, Jose Mastruzzo, Glad Trevillian, Tony Rabusin, Nell Monagle, Fortunata Scalzo, Jamie Dumapias, Cesar Banzon, Sydonia Maslanyk, Margaret Horley, Marie Henwood, Leonie Drayton, Pauline Drayton, Allan Arias, Lawrie Green, Billy Frankland, Edgar Dacaldacal, Roger Joseph Ochoa, Josephine Grima, Barry Hyett, Loretta Mills, Cassandra O'Keefe, Orlando Victuelles

Vocation View

Have you ever asked: "What ought I do?" Simply, tell the good news to people. Nothing else matters.



EDGE is way more than effective catechesis. It's Catholic Middle School Youth Ministry that helps young people with life's most challenging years.

Edge Nights takes place Friday evenings. Kids between 10-13 years old are invited and encouraged to attend. Interested in helping out?

Contact: Christine at olckedge@gmail.com

Our Lady's Large Hall 7.00-9.00pm

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22-23 December 2018

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

			Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Lynette Heasley	Lyette Almeida	Benjamin	Mary's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	John Ho	Quang Son Ho	Hoa Ton	St. Cecilia's
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Charles Budiman	Sr Joan	Robert Brennan	-
	9:30am	CTK	Merri Balauca	Gavin Brennan	Rosaline Raymundo, Jim Proctor & Lan-Anh Tuyet	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Albert Agbamey	Hung Lam	Lorraine D'Silva & Kata Vasilj	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	OL				Nu Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Lorrain Rodrigues	Kelly Maglalang	Kathe Casas	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Benedict Alvares	Frank Unger	William Napiza & Teri Napiza	Himiq Filipino

HFP Volunteers Christmas Party



"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."

- PHILIPPIANS 4:6

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

stewardship

St. John's Church

Presbytery	\$146.40
Church	\$211.90

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery	\$1,142.45
Church	\$1,920.80

Christ the King Church

Presbytery	\$559.90
Church	\$743.75

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

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Fr. René Ramirez, RCJ
Parish Priest

Fr. Gerald Biñegas, RCJ
Assistant Priest

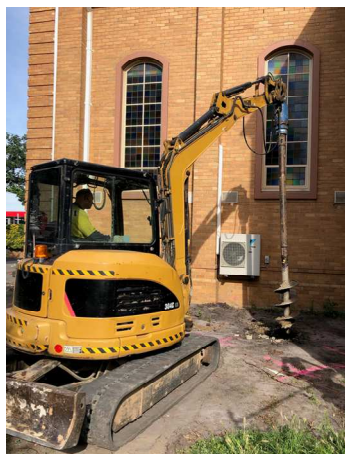
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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!



DONATIONS TO THE GROTTO PROJECT

Thank you very much for the donations to our Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Date	Name	Amount
09.12.2018	Previous Subtotal	\$6,750.00
10.12.2018	Silvain Chu	\$100.00
12.12.2018	Anonymous	\$1,000.00
15.12.2018	Pham Thi Nguyet	\$300.00
	Total	\$8,150.00

We would like to reiterate our appeal for your participation in our Fund Drive for the building of a Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. We are hoping to raise 40,000.00 for the project. Our heartfelt gratitude for those who have already extended their help. This week, contractors drilled six 3-meter deep holes for the preparation of the foundation of the 5.4 meter high grotto.

This week's events

MONDAY 10.30 am	17th December Italian Prayer Group-OL
WEDNESDAY 7.00 pm	19th December Novena Mass-OL
FRIDAY 6.30 pm	21th December Exposition & Adoration CTK
SUNDAY 3.00 pm	23rd December Vietnamese Mass-OL



Christmas Novena Dawn Masses 16-24 December 2018 @ 5:00 AM Morning Tea Follows at the Pavilion

Cleaning Roster Our Lady's (Maidstone)

9-15 December
Thi Cuc Vu

16-22 December
K. Nguyen

23-29 December
Legion of Mary



ADVENT SEASON REFLECTION

Saturdays 15 and 22 December,
9.30am-5pm

St Joseph's Home, 112B St Georges
Road, Northcote

The Little Sisters of the Poor in Northcote will host four days of reflection over the Advent Season, guided by Fr Edward Moloney from the Corpus Christi Seminary, Melbourne. The reflection days are for single Catholic women aged 18 to 35 who desire to enrich their spiritual growth during the Advent Season. These days will include Spiritual talks, Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and time for personal and communal prayers.

Enquiries: Sr Mary Lourdes on 9489 8444 or admin1.mel@lsp.org.au

TEMPLATES AND RESOURCES FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

To assist parishes in their preparations and celebrations of the joyous season of Advent, the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation has prepared the following free templates to download: Christmas real estate boards, Christmas pull-up banners, Christmas postcard templates, giving tree tags, weekly reflection sheets and plenary-focused Advent prayers. In addition to these templates, the office is currently preparing a series of resources to enable people to reflect on the various themes of Advent, including a podcast series and daily Advent e-reflections.

All templates and resources are available from www.cam.org.au/evangelisation/advent

Enquiries: Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation on 9926 5761 or

evangelisation@cam.org.au



To find out more ways on how you can help improve our Parochial Community please contact Huong or Tram at ((03)9317-9258 • (03)9317-9298 from Tuesdays to Saturdays, between 9:00am to 12:00 noon with email: maidstone@cam.org.au or visit our website at www.hfp.org.au