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

As Jesus and his disciples travel to Jerusalem where suffering and death await, their journey is interrupted by an experience of Jesus' transfiguration. Up on the mountain, the three disciples get a glimpse of the glory that their Master will have after his resurrection. The experience is only for a moment, but it is a source of fresh courage and new strength that will sustain them on the difficult way of the cross.

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

Response: The Lord is my light and my

salvation.

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel

Acclamation: Glory and praise to you,

Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son,

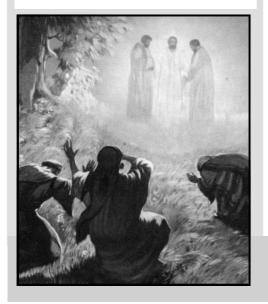
hear him.

Glory and praise to you,

Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Prayer: Lord of light, hear us.



Transfigured by Sacrificial Love

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

Amidst our forty days of meditations on Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, we are given a foretaste of his resurrection, perhaps to assure us of God's ultimate victory over sin and evil, and also to reassure us of God's intervention in and reversal of our suffering. Moreover, the insertion of the story of Jesus' transfiguration may be an invitation, as we enter more deeply into his Paschal Mystery, to reflect on his glorification, which occurs not only at the end – in his resurrection from the dead and ascension into heaven – but in the very midst of his suffering – in the invincible power and radiant beauty of his self-sacrificing love unto death on the cross.

The Promise of Deliverance. Our Lord of compassion intervenes in human history, reversing negative realities – infusing hope amidst despair, promising land to the dispossessed and emancipation to captives. As though these were not enough, in our 2nd reading, the Lord, moreover, promise to deliver us from our mortal, material bodies "to conform with his glorified body".

The Promise Deliverer. In the Incarnation, God intervenes in human history in an unsurpassable manner – he inserts himself personally into the human race, becoming truly one of us. God works out our deliverance not while remaining in the heavens, but through his personal immersion and involvement as the Word made flesh, the awaited Messiah, in our sinful, fractured world.

However, among the Jews the predominant image of the Messiah hoped for is of a royal leader in the manner of King David, who will reestablish the former glory of Israel through political power and military might.

Jesus distances himself from expectations of an invincible political Messiah, and instead, foretells his passion and death. Instead of assuring his disciples places of honor, he asks them whether they are capable of drinking of the cup of suffering that awaits him.

Jesus expands the notion of the anointed Messiah, the upright mighty king, by declaring the intrinsic bond between suffering and authentic power. Jesus is glorious Messiah not only after suffering on the cross, but in and through his passion and death. His glory does not consist in political power, but in the power of humble service. The glory of the Messiah is revealed not only in the risen Lord, but in Christ crucified out of love. Jesus' glory is not found in his suffering per se, but in his steadfast love for the Father and for us, a love faithful unto death.

In the spirit of Lent, our Parish Bulletin will come out in monochrome to help us remember that we are in a penitential atmosphere during this Season. The coloured copies will resume during Easter.



ass Schedule

SUNDAY

St. John's 8:00 am Christ the King 9:30 am Our Lady's 10:00 am Vietnamese Mass 3:00 pm³ 3:00 pm² Filipino Mass Christ the King 5:00 pm 6:30 pm Our Lady's

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 pm³ THURSDAY 9.15 am Christ the King

8:00 am

Our Lady's

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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Dallimore Family and Lawley Family

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr. Venuste Sibomana, RCJ, Sr. Marieta

ANNIVERSARIES: Benjamin Irons, Brayden Tucci, June Brady, Robert Linsley, John Kennedy Snr, Jack Thompson, George Shaw and Mary Gordon.

Comfort & Healing

Cesare Bettoni, Nip Frogosa, Jack Considine, Rutillo Llovito, Sabrina Janz, Roselyn David, Carozon Robles, Remedios Laplana, 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, Pat Roddis, Billy Frankland, Roger Joseph Ochoa, Josephine Grima, Barry Hyett, Loretta Mills, Cassandra O'Keefe, Carmen Micallef

Vocation View

After the transfiguration, Peter, John and James wanted to stay up the mountain. But Jesus said, "Move," with the knowledge that ships are safe in harbours, but not meant to stay in harbours.



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

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

During the Lenten season we have two scheduled Penitential Services in Vietnamese and in English.

VIETNAMESE

Thursday, 11 April 2019 Our Lady's Church @ 6:30 PM

ENGLISH

Friday, 12 April 2019 Our Lady's Church @ 6:30 PM



Fred Lipana & Lorraine

D'Silva

Kathe Casas William Napiza & Teri

Napiza



OL Church Choir

Nu Vuong

Mother Teresa

Himig Filipino

23-24 March 2019

10:00am

3:00pm

5:00pm

6:30pm

OL

OL

CTK

Hong Lam

Lorraine Rodrigues

Frank Unger

MINISTRIES & Comntr Lector/s **Eucharistic Ministers** Choir SAT 5:00pm OL Lyette Almeida Leanne Ma Yvonne Jose & Benjamin Mary's Choir Coral La'Toille, Tuyen Nguyen & Lucy 6:30pm CTK **Rose Thomas** St. Cecilia's **Peggy Dias** Inocencio SUN 8:00am Charles Budiman Sr Joan **Robert Brennan** Rosaline Raymundo, Jim CTK CTK Church Choir 9:30am Merri Balauca Leonie Pham Proctor & Lan-Anh Tuyet

Hung Lam

Kelly Maglalang

Benedict Alvares

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.

Next Week's Reading

Exodus 3:1 Mass in Filipino is held at Our Lady's Church

The Wednesday evening Mass incorporates

WESTERN SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB: SERVING THE POOR IN OUR MIDST—THE LOAVES AND FISHES

Tuesday 19 March, 7.30–9pm Club Italia, Furlong Road, St Albans (between Sunshine Hospital and the Western Ring Road)

Speakers: Charlie Desira from the Loaves and Fishes at Holy Eucharist Parish (it is astounding what this group does in conjunction with Foodbank Victoria) and Emily Dawson, who is a Food Donor Coordinator for Foodbank Victoria. Be open to having your thoughts expanded or challenged by the evening of conversation, which begins with our speakers, followed by conversation around tables and then by open forum across the room.

Enquiries: admin@wsip.org.au

SUMMER SERIES: LIFE AND LOVE Tuesdays 19 and 26 March, 2 April, 6–8pm

In partnership with the LMF Office; a 6-week discussion series on life, love, sexuality and what it means to be a person created in love and for love. This series, based on St John Paul II's teaching on human dignity, will help reveal to young adults who they really are, their value as a person and their individual call to love. For 18–35 year olds. Cost is \$10 per night.

Enquiries: lmf@cam.org.au or 9287 5587 **Registrations:** www.trybooking.com/ZKMS

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SESSION – THE FACES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Wednesday 27 March, 9am to 2.45pm Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

Lay Ecclesial Ministers are invited to attend this professional learning session which will explore the topic of domestic violence and focus on how our environment/context can influence attitudes of gender inequality. Through the use of case studies, artworks and stories, facilitator *Nicole Rotaru rsm* will offer insights to help enhance empathy and deepen awareness of the subtleties of the violence experienced.

Cost: \$50pp (incl. morning tea & lunch)
RSVP online by 22 March: www.trybooking.com/

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Download flyer: https://bit.ly/2XVNWCY

HAMER SINGERS: ARTISTIC DIRECTOR JONATHAN GRIEVES-SMITH Sunday 31 March, 3.30pm

St Ignatius Church, 326 Church Street, Richmond Renowned Scottish composer Sir James MacMillan has written the extraordinary Strathclyde Motets, which refract the language of the great Renaissance composers through a contemporary prism. These are the superb successors to the other works on this program, Robert Ramsey's three exquisite motets composed early in the 17th century while he was organist at Trinity

Details: https://www.hamersingers.com.au/ **Bookings:** https://www.trybooking.com/BAJTB











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3rd Collection for PROJECT COMPASSION

As we have done in the past two years, we are again initiating a 3rd collection during the weekend and Special Holiday Masses in favour of *Project Compassion* during the period of Lent. Our Lenten observance of fasting and abstinence will have more meaning if we direct our savings by giving to Project Compassion.

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."

- Genesis 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

stewardship

St. John's Church

Presbytery \$134.75 Church \$237.20

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$1,462.15 Church \$1,423.80

Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$753.05 Church \$1,002.65

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

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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 Hospital Pastoral Associate

Huong Nguyen & Tram Nguyen Secretaries

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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
09.03.2019	Weekly Subtotal	\$34,370.00
10.03.2019	Anonymous	200.00
10.03.2019	Anonymous	100.00
10.03.2019	Joseph C.	500.00
15.03.2019	Anonymous	152.00
15.03.2019	Anonymous	200.00
15.03.2019	St. Dominic's Prayer Group (St. Martin)	500.00
16.03.2019	Ngoan Le	200.00
	Total	36,222.00



We are 9% away from reaching our target. Please support our Grotto Project! solidarity to this endeavor!

This week's events

MONDAY

18th March

10.00 am

Italian Prayer Group O/L

WEDNESDAY

20th March

7.00 pm

Novena/Mass O/L

FRIDAY

22nd March

6.30pm

Exposition & Adoration

CTK

SUNDAY

24th March

3.00 pm Vietnamese Mass O/L



Saturday, 4 May 2019 6:30 PM - 11:00 PM Our Lady's Large Hall 17 Lyons Street Maidstone

Basket Dinner (BYO Food & Drinks)

\$35.00 No. 001



ADVANCE NOTICE

On the 5th of May 2019 we will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family as Patron of our Parish. In this connection, we would like to come together and celebrate as a community. We are suspending the morning Masses at St. John's in West Footscray and in Christ the King at Braybrook. We would like to invite everyone to join our activities at Our Lady's Church in Maidstone with the Holy Mass commencing at 10:30 AM followed by a procession and light lunch at our large hall. There will be activities and games for kids from 12:00 Noon til 2:30 PM.

Tickets for the Feast Day Dance Party are available at the Parish Office.

Cleaning Roster Our Lady's (Maidstone)

24-30 March Thi Cuc Vu

31 March -6 April K. Nguyen

7-13 April Legion of Mary







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



