



The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

Jesus our Lord is risen. Alleluia! Today, we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus from the dead. This is the central mystery of our faith as Christians. We, too, are invited to rise with Jesus. But first we have to die to our old self, our selfish desires, hopelessness, and misery. Our confidence lies in Jesus who conquered the power of sin and death. United with him, we too can become new persons.

1st Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43

Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Alleluia: Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Prayer: Father, we beseech you, hear us.

CHRIST IS RISEN... ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

Christ is risen! Incredible! Christ died for us, but Christ is risen and now lives for us! The followers of Jesus were devastated by His death because they had believed that He was the Messiah. They saw Him die such a humiliating and painful death and most could no longer believe in Him because His death seemed to deny all that they had believed.

His Resurrection changed everything. It was as if they were now able to understand more of what He had said and preached. His mysterious words now seemed prophetic and made sense. Christ is risen! That statement changed the whole reality of faith for His followers.

The first reading today is from the Acts of the Apostles, the witness of Saint Luke. This witness explains how the followers felt, how they seemed to lose all hope and only with the Resurrection were they able to understand to some extent the wonderful works of God. The Resurrection transformed this band of followers into a group of people totally committed to proclaiming that Jesus is the Lord, even if everyone else doubted them or even made fun of them. They could now understand the Law and the Prophets and the Wisdom literature of their ancestors in the faith and see that all of that pointed to Jesus as Lord. Alleluia!

The second reading today is from the Letter to the Colossians. This is the witness of Saint Paul. We must die with Christ so that we too can be raised with Christ. This whole life now, for us as followers of Jesus, is the process of

dying to ourselves and living more and more in Jesus. We are invited to proclaim Jesus as Lord by our own dying to self and living in Him. Alleluia!

The Gospel today is from Saint John. This is the witness of Saint John. The men who were followers of Jesus were totally undone by His death and sort of stuck together, bemoaning the death of Jesus, but not doing much more. Instead, the women went to the tomb and found it empty. The women then return and tell the men, who run to the tomb—believing that the body of Jesus had been stolen. They did not yet believe in the Resurrection.

John gets to the tomb first but does not go in. Instead he waits for Peter to go in. They both see the same thing: “the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.” Peter does not yet believe but John believes. John tells us in this Gospel: “they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.”

Slowly, ever so slowly, the followers begin to receive reports that Jesus is alive and speaking with various followers and that these followers begin to believe that it is really Jesus, now risen from the dead. Alleluia!

And you? And me? Do we believe? Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! He tramples down death by death! He gives life to those in the tomb! He speaks to His followers! He eats with them! Alleluia. Let us rejoice in the Lord!



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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 to SATURDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Our Lady's	7:00 pm ³
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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

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 Sunday Mass in Filipino is held at Our Lady's Church every 1st and third Sunday of the month.

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



Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Praying for Buttigieg and Irons families and Frances Tonna.

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Vincenza Tomasello, Michael Iannone

ANNIVERSARIES: Gilberto Trozzi, Lauro Ramirez Jr., Feliciano Tinio

Comfort & Healing

Cesare Bettoni, Eric Raveza, 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, Leone Morganti, Jamie Dumapias, Richard Brown, Cesar Banzon, Sydonia Maslanyk, Margaret Horley, Marie Henwood, Maria Ta Thi Hue, Leonie Drayton, Pauline Drayton, Allan Arias, Lawrie Green, Rosalba Mastoriani, Trevor Gonsalvez, Billy Frankland, Dominador Dacaldacal, Ronnie Victoria.

Vocation View

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!"
This day changes everything. The power of sin and death are broken, live in the freedom that comes solely in Christ!



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 chslkj@ychoo.com
Our Lady's Large Hall 7.00-9.00pm



Preparation for the Sacrament of 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.

7-8 April 2018

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

			Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Joward Sawadan	Jeresa Sawadan	Agnes Attard & Yvonne Jose	Mary's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Quang Son Ho	John Ho	Hoa Ton & An Le	St. Cecilia's
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Anna Nguyen	Antoniette Pezzano	Kath Crowley	-
	9:30am	CTK	Annamaria Balauc	Lucy Inocencio	George Tawaf, Samia Tawaf & Lan Anh Tuyet	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Claire Lawson	Peter Anastasi	Lorraine D'Silva & Guiseppina Genovesi	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	OL				
	5:00pm	CTK	Kelly Maglalang	Brendon Sarabia	Helen Delmo	-
	6:30pm	OL	Nita Rennie	Evelyn Chy	Rose Sobredo, Antonio Sobredo	Exxemoz

Next Week's Readings

Acts 4:32-35
 1 John 5:1-6
 John 20:19-31

Liturgical Notes

The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'. These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung. The Sundays of this time of the year are considered to be Sundays of Easter.

PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR A JUST FUTURE



FACES OF PROJECT COMPASSION 2018



Project Compassion Collections

\$ 5,154.70

Maidstone—\$ 3,289.35

Braybrook—\$ 1,865.35

We would like to thank everyone who has gone out of their way to support Project Compassion this year!

Sing Alleluia! St. Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one who loves', and there is also an ancient proverb: 'Whoever sings well prays twice over'.

SCHOOLS

St. John's Catholic School
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Christ the King Primary School
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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

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."
— COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

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St. John's Church

Presbytery \$104.95
Church \$273.05

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$1,411.35
Church \$1,523.35

Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$712.40
Church \$911.30

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.

A DIALOGUE ON DEATH: ATHEISM AND CHRISTIANITY

Tuesday 3 April, 7–8.30pm

Mercy Lecture Theatre, ACU Melbourne Campus,
115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy

Death confronts us all. But what is death, and how do we live knowing that we will die? In this conversation a range of perspectives will be considered covering all of these questions, in order to develop a dialogue between atheism and Christianity that can shed light on how all of us might think about our own mortality. Presenters for this conversation will be Denys Turner (Yale University and ACU), Mark Kelly (Western Sydney University), Robyn Whitaker (University of Divinity) and Jon Roffe (University of New South Wales). The event is hosted by ACU's Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry.

Cost: Free

Details: Charles Lockwood on 9230 8387

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST:

A RETREAT FOR YOUNG CATHOLIC WOMEN

Friday 6 April, 7pm, to Sunday 8 April, 2pm
Pallotti College, 80 McNamaras Road, Wesburn

Young women from all walks of life are invited to take some time out from the busyness of life at this silent retreat weekend, led by the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia. This live-in retreat includes Mass, adoration, confession and spiritual direction. Ages 18–35.

Cost: \$130 (2 nights' accommodation and all food included)

Registrations: www.trybooking.com/UIYX

Fr. René Ramirez, RCJ
Parish Priest

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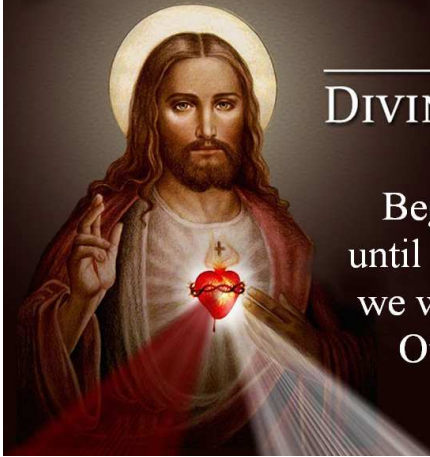
Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

Feast of the Divine Mercy

8 April 2018

THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Beginning Good Friday
until Saturday, 7 April 2018
we will have the novena at
Our Lady's Church at
5:30 pm



Happy Trip Fr. Gerald & Welcome Fr. Ariel!

We would like to greet Fr. Gerald as he leaves for his annual holiday today (Easter Sunday). We hope to see him reinvigorated and ready to continue his tasks in our parish when he comes back after four weeks. At the same time, we would like to welcome Fr. Ariel Tecson, RCJ who is visiting us also for a month.



Cleaning Roster

Our Lady's (Maidstone)

1-7 April
Thi Cuc Vu

8-14 April
K. Nguyen

15-21 April
Legion of Mary



RADIO STATION – 94.7 FM
'THE PULSE'

Every Sunday at 10.00am



How To Date Your Soulmate

When:
6.30pm - 9.30pm,
Wednesday 16th May.

Where:
Central Hall,
Australian Catholic University
20 Brunswick St, Fitzroy

Cost: \$20

Register:
parousiamedia.com/events

FEATURING



Jason
Evert



Gary
Pinto



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