



The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

Today's Gospel presents the moving story of Jesus healing the leper. The healing declares that Jesus is the one who is to come, for when the Messiah comes, the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. The Messiah comes to inaugurate the year of the Lord's favour. Jesus needs our words and our actions, our hands and our hearts, to continue to reach out today to the lonely, to alleviate pain, to bridge the gap that separates people. May this Eucharist strengthen us to become effective instruments of the Lord's healing love.

1st Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

Response: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Alleluia: A great prophet has appeared among us. God has visited his people.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Prayer: Lord of life, listen to our prayer.



Healing the Leper

Peter Feldmeier

"I do will it. Be healed" (Mk 1:41)

Would you consider yourself a leper? We use that term to mean several things. It could mean a person with Hansen's disease, the brutal ailment that attacks nerves and limbs and causes deformity. It can also be a term for social marginalization, as in, "I'm a leper around here."

The Scriptures today are all about leprosy and being healed from it. The first reading from Leviticus is part of the law that addresses *tzaraath*, which could be anything from bona fide leprosy to one of a variety of skin afflictions that were especially feared because they were thought to be contagious.

The Gospel tells of a leper who approaches Jesus, kneels before him and begs to be healed. The leper violates the rules. Instead of warning all and staying away, he does the opposite. And Jesus, rather than showing disdain, is moved by great compassion. Then Jesus touches and thereby heals him. In this encounter Jesus makes himself "unclean" in order to heal the leper.

To us it is obvious that skin disease has nothing to do with sin and that, further, the alienation of those afflicted was both unnecessary and unwittingly cruel. But we may do well here to enter fully into the religious imagination of the text. So, even though I hope no one

now associates skin disease with moral guilt, leprosy remains a good metaphor for the condition of sin. Sin renders the human condition ugly; it deforms us. Sin also distances us from others and even from our own truest self. People recovering from addiction regularly reflect on how addictive behavior isolates the addict, who becomes increasingly imprisoned in empty gratifications and filled with shame. As the addictive behavior worsens, the addict grows more and more distant from family and friends, becoming a leper "outside the camp." This is not simply a 12-step insight. Sin in general does this. It takes us from authentic communion with others to a deepening narcissism, while it numbs our moral horizons as surely as Hansen's disease numbs nerves.

In one sense, all of us are suffering from the leprosy of sin. But that disease is not our truest self, our deepest nature. Our true nature is inherently beautiful, made in the divine image and likeness. This is what Jesus would restore. It will not do to stay outside the camp, enduring the silent scream of our inner shame: "Unclean, unclean." We need the courage of the leper in the Gospel, unwilling to distance himself from the Lord and others. We would do well to come to Jesus, to seek his healing touch and hear his healing words: "I do will it. Be made clean." - This is what confession is for.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, bless us and grant us the grace to love one another, and to live together in perfect harmony of thought, will and action, under the rule and guidance of our pastors.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

BIRTHDAY: Francesco Lucente, Tatiana Avdokushina, Mario Buonanno, Teresita Parreno (Anniversary)

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Enna Forti, Ronnie Simons, Pham Thi Mua.

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Son Van Nguyen, Maria (2), Maria Nguyen Thi Huong, Joseph Nguyen Phuc Tuan, Joseph Nguyen Quoc Long, Kennedy Family, George, James & William Thompson, Margaret Mills, John Caldwell, Steven Cahill, Wal Green, Elspeth Considine

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, Benjamin Raj, Maria Ta Thi Hue, Leonie Drayton, Pauline Drayton, Allan Arias, Lawrie Green, Rosalba Mastoriani.

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 pm¹
Filipino Mass 3:00 pm²
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 pm³

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 third Sunday of the month.

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

Vocation View

The Psalmist calls to be glad, rejoice and exult in the Lord. (Psalm 32:11)
For many, the day of their marriage is the happiest day of their life;
rather, live the challenge to continue to grow deeper in love with your spouse each day of your married life.



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.

17-18 February 2018

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

			Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Jerese Sawadan	Joward Sawadan	Remy Libang & Benjamin	Our Lady's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	John Ho	Quang Son Ho	Hoa Ton	St. Cecilia's
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Lang Phan	Charles Budiman	Robert Brennan	-
	9:30am	CTK	Natalie Perez	Leonie Pham	Helen O'Keefe & Jim Proctor	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Albert Agbamey	Guillermo Narsilio	Guisseppina Genovesi & Christine Mullan	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	CTK		Loan Vu		Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Lorraine Rodrigues	Dudley Rodrigues	Helen Delmo	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Kim Vu	Benedict Alvares	Hung Trinh	Himig Filipino

Next Week's Readings

Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15

Holy Family Parish Scripture Series



The Learning Group is very excited to announce that our second Scripture series re-commenced last 8th of February. Dr. Rose Marie Prosser once again gave a challenging input as our speaker.

This series will be a four-session series, one session per fortnight, same place same time. Please save the dates below:

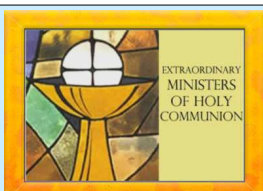
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22nd Mar

We look forward to seeing you there!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training



Certificates for those who attended the training of **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion during Mass Training** are now ready for pick-up from the Parish Office.

Ash Wednesday SERVICE

On the 14th of February, we will commence the season of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. We will have two masses in Braybrook and in Maidstone with the following details:

Christ the King Church– Braybrook
8:00am & 7:00pm

10:00am—CTK Primary School

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church –
Maidstone**

9:00am & 7:00pm

(with Novena to the Perpetual Help)

11:30am—St. John's Catholic School



We have been successful with the help we extended to Project Compassion last year by having a third collection throughout the season of Lent. We are doing the same this year. Instead of putting your coins in a box and offering them at the end of Lent, we will just have a third collection after communion for PROJECT COMPASSION 2018. However, Project Compassion boxes are still available if you wish to use them. Let us be concrete in the love we extend to our neighbors.

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

- 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself I'm I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?

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St. John's Church

Presbytery	\$136.00
Church	\$258.40

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery	\$1,105.05
Church	\$1,351.25

Christ the King Church

Presbytery	\$669.70
Church	\$1,042.75

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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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

46 Ballarat Road, Maidstone VIC 3012

St. John the Evangelist Church

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Parish Priest*

*Fr. Gerald Biñegas, RCJ
Assistant Priest*

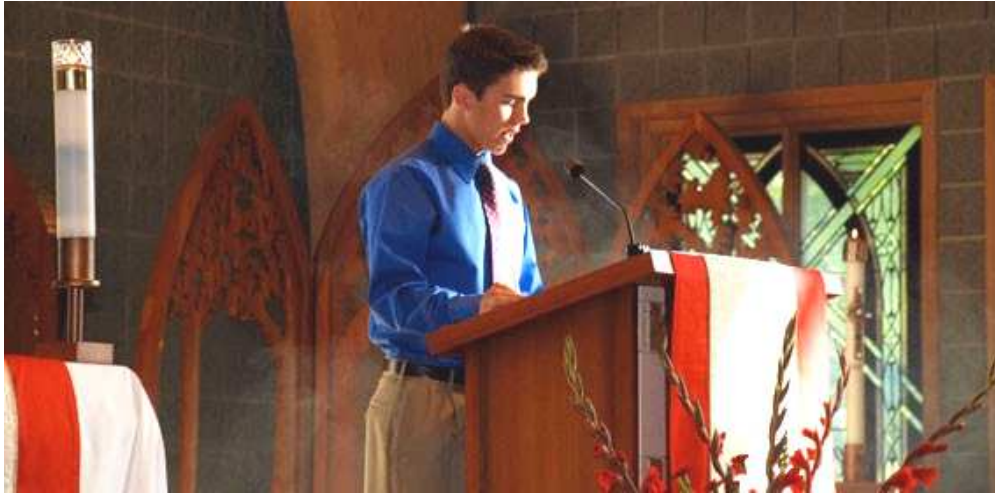
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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!



Meeting for Readers and Commentators during the Mass

The Liturgy Sub-Committee is organizing a training and review for existing and new Commentators and Readers during the celebration of the Mass. This will be a two-hour training commencing at 6:30pm with refreshments until 9:00 pm on Thursday, 1st of March 2018 at the Presbytery Pavilion. We would like to ask existing readers and commentators to attend this meeting and invite also interested persons who may want to express their service to the community through these ministries.

BISHOP JAMES GOOLD: INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Wednesday 14 to Friday 16 February
University of Melbourne, Parkville and
Cardinal Knox Centre, East Melbourne

This international symposium is part of an Australian Research Council Discovery Project examining the patronage of Melbourne's first Catholic Bishop James Goold. Investigating Goold's contribution to the cultural environment of colonial Melbourne, the project's three themes will be contextualised over three days. Sessions will be devoted to the Bishop's important Baroque painting collection, his colonial library and his patronage of the British architect William Wilkinson Wardell, and its imprint on the built environment of Melbourne. Keynote lectures by international scholars from Berlin, Aberdeen, Hong Kong and Rome will be augmented by Australian scholars Dr Catherine Kovesi (University of Melbourne), Assoc. Prof. Ursula De Jong (Deakin University) and Prof. Jaynie Anderson (University of Melbourne).

Details: Professor Jaynie Anderson at jaynie@unimelb.edu.au

CHRISTINA KING PUBLIC TALK: GOD'S PLAN FOR LOVE AND MARRIAGE

Friday 23 February, 7pm
St Agatha's Church, 129 Sladen Street,
Cranbourne

Join author and dynamic speaker Christina King for a look at God's original plan for love. Discover how Christ's coming 'in the flesh' reveals who God is and his call to love and be loved in and through our bodies. Get a complete overview of St John Paul the Great's *Theology of the body* and why it is an antidote to a culture of death and relativism that no longer seems to understand what it means to be male and female.

Cost: Free

RSVP: tinyurl.com/StAgathasCK

God's Plan for

Marriage

Pastoral Notes

- Lent begins next Wednesday
- Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptized. Other celebrations in Lent must take account of the spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing and floral decorations are very simple.
- From Ash Wednesday, Ordinary Time is interrupted until after the Easter Time.
- A homily is recommended on weekdays especially during the seasons of Advent, Lent and Easter.
- In Lent, the Alleluia is omitted at Mass and at the Hours, even in celebrations of solemnities and feasts.
- Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year, in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251-52).

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