



The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

Today's Solemnity of Christ the King is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical calendar. This is fitting because Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end of everything. He is the Lord of history. At the end of our journey, we will encounter him to whom we will render an account of our life. Let us celebrate this Eucharist by uniting ourselves with our Priest and King who knows our weaknesses and mercifully intercedes for us before the Father's throne.

1st Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Response: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8

Alleluia: Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Prayer: Lord, King of glory, listen to our prayer.

THE KING PUTS US ON TRIAL...

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

The kingship of Jesus is not emphasized in the New Testament, and if Jesus is presented as king, it is mainly to show that his kingship is devoid of external pomp. Jesus does not lord over his subjects in the manner of earthly kings and despots. Jesus does not seek it in the first place. In John, after Jesus feeds 5,000 people, the crowd wants to carry him off to make him king. But Jesus withdraws to the mountain. He does not want political kingship.

The title "King of the Jews" is given to Jesus at his birth because of his claim to royal messianism. God promised an everlasting dynasty to King David. The Davidic monarchy would be an agency through which God would fulfill the destiny of Israel. Later, there developed a popular idea of the messianic king – the Son of David – who restore the glory of David's kingdom and deliver the people from their oppressors.

The Synoptic Gospels use the trial of Jesus before Pilate to proclaim Jesus as "King," but it is in the Johannine story that the theme of Jesus' royal status predominates. The decisive issue is how Pilate and "the Jews" respond to Jesus' royal status.

The Jewish leaders cannot accuse Jesus of acts against their Law if they hope for Pilate's condemnation. It must be a political trial. The "crime" of which Jesus is found guilty by the Jewish leaders is blasphemy – claiming to be God's Son. This is now changed into a political crime, centered on Jesus' being the "king of the Jews." Pilate is wary about the Jewish stories of kings and messiahs and is too willing to put down any sign of insurrection against Caesar. But he is told of the nature of Jesus' messianic kingship. Jesus' kingdom "does not belong to this world." As king, he has no need of the use of force. Jesus exercises his royalty in making God known to the world, in bearing witness to the truth, and in drawing to his kingdom those who listen to him.

The trial of Jesus before Pilate is presented by John as a paradox. It is Pilate and the Jews – not Jesus – who are put on trial. And both are found wanting. Pilate blusters against Jesus about his political authority and his power over life and death, only to be told that true power comes "from above" – from God. Pilate refuses to listen to the truth and capitulates to "the Jews." The Jews, on the other hand, choose Roman authority over against their king. Their repudiation of Jesus entails their repudiation of the Kingdom of God, which is inseparably bound with their messianic hopes.





Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Dallimore Family

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rebecca Caburian, Helen Nowok.

ANNIVERSARIES: Kitty Seymour.

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.

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.

Vocation View

To testify to the truth; this is why Christ came, this is the mission of the priest and religious. Has your life testified to the truth that Christ is King?



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



RCIA

Our parish is commencing a program for Adults who wish to become Catholics. It goes for 14 Thursdays at 7pm in the Parish Pavilion. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

1-2 December 2018

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

			Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	EDGE	EDGE	Agnes Attard & Teresa Napiza	Our Lady's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Catherine Seymour	Theresa Seymour	Tuyen Nguyen & Coral Le'Toille	St. Cecilia's
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Anna Nguyen	Nam Tran	Kath Crowley	-
	9:30am	CTK	Kristine Nguyen	Evelyn Ronquillo	Julia Alcantara, Nigsty Tedla & Connie Mammaoliti	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Paul Handley	Hong Le	Christine Mullan & Fred Lipana	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	CTK		Nguyen Thai Pham	Hoa Ton	Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Kimberly Lam	Brendon Sarabia	Dudley Rodrigues	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Julietta Uy	Lesley Pace	Rose Sobredo & Antonio Sobredo	Mary's Choir

Next Week's Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Luke 21:25-28,34-36



Happy Feastday of Christ the King to everyone, specially to our parishioners from Braybrook

VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

All Parish Volunteers are invited to a light dinner party on Saturday, 8 December at 6:00pm at Our Lady's Large Hall.

There will be games and prizes to be won. For catering purposes, please call the Parish Office and let us know if you are coming or how many in your group are attending.

See you all on the 8th of December!

DONATIONS TO THE GROTTO PROJECT

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

Date	Name	Amount
05.11.18	Weekly Subtotal	\$900.00
16.11.2018	Anonymous	\$600.00
19.11.2018	Celia Robles	\$200.00
20.11.2018	Kim Loan	\$200.00
20.11.2018	Trinh Thi Yen	\$100.00
21.11.2018	Anonymous	\$100.00
22.11.2018	Agnes Attard	\$50.00
22.11.2018	Anonymous	\$200.00
24.11.2018	Pham Thi Nguyet	\$200.00
	Total	\$2,550.00



We would like to encourage our Parishioners to participate in our Donation Appeal for the building of a Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Maidstone. We are hoping to raise around Forty thousand dollars for the project. Our Church is high and in proportion, the grotto should be around 5.4 meters high. We are hoping to improve the reverential atmosphere in our Church favorable for prayer and meditation and improve the aesthetics of our surroundings. The project includes water cascading from the feet of the image of Our Lady into a small pond.

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'"

- JOHN 18:36

How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

stewardship

St. John's Church

Presbytery \$145.25
Church \$216.80

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$968.00
Church \$1,356.45

Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$781.95
Church \$1,195.90

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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principal@sjfootscray.catholic.edu.au

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28 Riley Court, Braybrook VIC 3019
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principal@ctkbraybrook.catholic.edu.au

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College

65 Churchill Ave. Braybrook VIC 3019
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CONTACT INFORMATION CHURCHES

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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*

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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

Recap FAQ about the Plenary

What is the Plenary Council?

Put simply, the Plenary is not only a meeting of bishops, but a process that calls for the participation of the entire Catholic Community. It invites the whole Church into dialogue, to discern how its communities can live the Gospel with renewed vitality amidst new questions and challenges. We are all invited to consider, reflect, and respond to the question: **What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**

Why is it important?

The Australian Church is going through a period of crisis. This is an opportunity to have your voice heard and to contribute to the reshaping of the Catholic church in Australia. It is our responsibility to take leadership of the future of the Australian Catholic church. Our voices matter. Therefore, we pray, we reflect, we listen, we speak, and importantly, we stand together hopeful of a revival of the Church.

What are the important dates?

There are three steps of preparation for the Plenary. (Please refer to last week's bulletin for more information.)

Open Listening and Dialogue

This began at Pentecost 2018 and will continue until Ash Wednesday 2019 (March 6). We have until Ash Wednesday to submit our responses to the question online to

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.

Dialogue and Discernment:

This will commence after Easter in 2019 and will end before Christmas in the same year.

Dialogue and Formation:

This will commence early 2020.

The first Plenary Council session will be held in October from 11th – 17th 2020. The second Plenary Council session will be held in May 2021.

What has our parish done so far?

We have had two meetings in the Parish in the Small Hall so far, inviting Fr Noel Connelly and Jacqui Giuliano (Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation) to guide our listening and dialogue regarding the Plenary. Many have formed their own group/s to continue this dialogue. There are no set 'rules' on how to go about this activity. We are all invited to listen and dialogue with each other in whatever way we feel most comfortable with.

Where can I get further information?

The website

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

contains key information and many useful resources. If you would like assistance in accessing this website or with submitting your responses online, please contact the Parish Office.

This week's events

MONDAY 10.00 am 10.30 am	26th November Italian Prayer Group O/L Italian Mass
WEDNESDAY 7.00 pm	28th November Novena/Mass O/L
FRIDAY	30th November Exposition & Adoration CTK
SUNDAY 3.00 pm	2nd December Vietnamese Mass CTK



Plenary Council 2020

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

CREATING CHILD-SAFE PARISHES: WORKSHOP

Thursday 28 November, 10.30am–12.30pm
Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne
This interactive 2-hour workshop provides an overview of key elements to keep children and young people safe within a parish context and provides an opportunity to ask questions and share ideas.

Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/YJGN>

Enquiries: 9926 5621 or
professional.standards@cam.org.au

Calendars & 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

Cleaning Roster Our Lady's (Maidstone)

18-24 November
Thi Cuc Vu

25 November - 1 December
K. Nguyen

2-8 December
Legion of Mary



Child Safety is our Priority

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**