



The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

In our spiritual life, we need Christ truly as a branch needs to remain on the vine. Without him, we can do nothing. We need him to reconcile us to the Father. We need his grace and his strength so that we may do good and face the trials and sufferings of life.

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Response: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Alleluia: Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Prayer: Father, make us grow in your love.



ALIVE WITH THE LIFE OF GOD...

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

Think about this disciple of the Lord, Paul. In the first reading today, from the Acts of the Apostles, he is still called Saul. He had persecuted the Church ferociously and now wants to be part of the Church. The fear of the early followers is completely understandable. Do wolves change to lambs? No often!

The same thing happens today when a person known as a bad Catholic or a bad person decides to change their ways, for whatever reason. Such a person must be ready to accept doubts and rejections and even bad behaviour on the part of the believers, because the believers are not saints, but just humans who do believe.

We must ask ourselves: do I accept it when a person changes and asks forgiveness?

In the second reading today, from the First Letter of John, we are reminded of the teachings of Jesus while He lived on this earth. It is Jesus who tells us through His followers: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. What does that love mean? It is not about feeling good about another person. No, it is about doing good for the other person, no matter who he or she is. If that person has completely offended us, has destroyed someone we love or even ourselves—that does not matter. We must love that other person completely.

And so, we come to the Gospel of today, from the Gospel of Saint John. This again teaches us about love when it teaches us

to remain in Jesus. This is not just a thought or a feeling, but an actual choice every day. We must remain in Jesus by following His example and doing what He told us. And the principle teaching of Jesus is always that we must love God and love one another. That love for others is always tested if we love our enemies. It is not tested if we only love our friends.

Christ is risen! Christ rose from the dead in order that we might have life. The life we have is not the life that world wants us to have. We are not here to seek pleasure and enjoyment and power and sex and money. We are here to love and to sacrifice ourselves in love just as Jesus did. If we do this, the life of the world to come will be ours in abundance, in every way. Jesus is not threatening us but telling us the way to live in order to rejoice forever with abundant life.

We can understand this love so easily. If we look only for ourselves, then in eternity we will have only ourselves. That is not much consolation! If we love God and others in this life, we will have God and others forever. Let us choose wisely now so that we can live with joy and delight forever. Christ is risen. Alleluia.





Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Manuel da Silva, Evandro Manuel Lay

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dominic Nguyen Dinh Hoat, Mary (Molly) Phillips, Albert Tuohey, Joel Martirizar

ANNIVERSARIES: Michele Iannone, Antonio Radatti, Frank Heasly, Rafael Romerosa, Francis, Joseph Kim Pham, Maria, Phanxico Xavie Pham Quoc Thai, Angela Tropiano, Felix Brincat & for the Souls in Purgatory

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, Adelaide Frankson.

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 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

St. John Vianney spoke of the priesthood as the 'love of the heart of Jesus.' To be called to the priesthood and/or religious life is to love the people of God in a unique and dynamic way. (1 John 3)



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



Preparation for 1st Reconciliation

Children who do not study in a Catholic School and wish to receive their First Holy Communion this year can start their preparation by attending the course on First Reconciliation (Confession). Kids must at least be in grade 3 to attend this course. Please register at the Parish Office. The course will commence on 17 May 2018.

5-6 May 2018

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

			Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Lynette Heasly	Dulanga Tissera	Agnes Attard & Benjamin	Our Lady's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Catherine Seymour	Theresa Seymour	Lucy Inocencio & Coral La'Toille	St. Cecilia's
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Anna Nguyen	Nam Tran	Kath Crowley	-
	9:30am	CTK	Evelyn Ronquillo	Kristine Nguyen	Julie Alcantara, Jim Proctor & Nigsty Tedia	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Claire Lawson	Paul Handley	Thanh Le & Hong Le	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	CTK		Nguyen Thai Pham		Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Kimberly Lam	Brendon Sarabia	Dudley Rodrigues	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Julieta Uy	Nenita Castillo	Antonio Sobredo & Rose Sobredo	Mary's Choir

Next Week's Readings

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17



THANK YOU!

To all those who have shown their solidarity for the Christ the King Church Sound System Fund Appeal, thank you very much! May our Lord who is never outdone in generosity bless you and your loved ones abundantly!

POWERED BY INFINITE LOVE: THE MUSICAL

Friday 4 May and Saturday 5 May, 7.30pm
Hennessy Hall, 5 Doon Avenue, Glen Waverley

Vincent Pallotti, *powered by infinite love* is an uplifting musical, written by Fr Patrick Jackson SAC, pastor emeritus, St Christopher's parish, Glen Waverley (Syndal). As a young priest, Vincent Pallotti recognised the awakening of the lay Catholic faithful and felt that they should be involved in the apostolic work of the Church, an ideal he pursued passionately. Powered by God's 'infinite love', he established the Union of Catholic Apostolate, inspiring many to demonstrate loving kindness and compassion. He was canonised in 1963. This musical is being produced by St Christopher's parish with the support of highly experienced actors from outside the parish as well as talent from within. It will be a quality production and an inspiring experience for all who attend. **Cost:** \$15, children and concessions \$10

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/URDB

Details: Florence D'costa on 0433 851 662,

Tibor Deheny on 0417 749 499, or Wayne Savedra on 0405 187 178

SCHOOLS

St. John's Catholic School

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Christ the King Primary School

28 Riley Court, Braybrook VIC 3019
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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

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."

– 1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

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St. John's Church

Presbytery \$163.00
Church \$314.95

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$1,562.75
Church \$1,997.30

Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$639.20
Church \$957.10

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.

Fr. René Ramirez, RCJ
Parish Priest

Fr. Gerald Biñegas, RCJ
Assistant Priest

Sr. Helen Robinson, RSJ
Hospital Pastoral Associate

Huong Nguyen & Tram Nguyen
Secretaries

Parish Office

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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

CAPUCHIN VOCATION EVENING FOR MEN

Thursday 3 May, 6pm

180 Power Street, Hawthorn (near St Anthony's shrine)

The Capuchin Friars invite single Catholic men (aged 18 to 35) who are discerning a possible religious or priestly vocation to come for an enquiry evening at 'Hermit's Retreat', Hawthorn. The night will include adoration, evening prayer, dinner and presentations on religious life/priesthood and Capuchin life and spirituality.

Details and RSVP: Fr Thomas on 0432 362 052 or vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday at CTK Church
6.30 pm during school term
There is no Exposition on school break.

Child Safety Training

Calling on all Parish Volunteers, there will be a mandatory Child Safety Training in ENGLISH on Thursday 31st of May from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Parish Presbytery Pavilion. This includes also lectors, commentators and special ministers of the Eucharist.

There will also be another future training in Vietnamese.

Kêu gọi cho tất cả các Giáo Viên Tình nguyện Viên, sẽ có một chương trình Huấn Luyện An Toàn Trẻ Em bắt buộc bằng tiếng Anh vào Thứ Năm ngày 31 tháng Năm từ 7:00 đến 9:00 tối tại Nhà Xu Presbytery Parish. Điều này bao gồm cả những người nắm giữ, bình luận viên và các thừa tác viên đặc biệt của Thánh Thể.

Cũng sẽ có một khóa huấn luyện an toàn trẻ em khác bằng tiếng Việt.



RADIO STATION – 94.7 FM
'THE PULSE'
Every Sunday at 10.00am

Cleaning Roster Our Lady's (Maidstone)

22-28 April
Thi Cuc Vu

29 April-5
May
K. Nguyen

6-12 May
Legion of
Mary



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



CHRIST THE KING PRIMARY SCHOOL, BRAYBROOK

2019 PREP ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

Applications are now open for enrolment for Prep 2019. Please complete an application form available at the school office or online. On application you must supply the **original**:

Birth Certificate (Children must be 5 years of age on or before 30th April, 2019)

Immunisation Certificate (available from DHS website)

Baptism Certificate (if Catholic)

Applications close FRIDAY 18TH MAY 2018.



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