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

The peace that Jesus brings in today's Gospel is not the peace that the world gives. It is not a peace that is based on compromises, bargaining, half-truths, or balance of power. The peace that he brings is attained through the cross and through the purifying action of the Holy Spirit. It is a peace that tries the human heart, and so can cause pain and division. But it is the only kind of peace that lasts, the peace that is truly redeeming and ennobling.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

Response: Lord, come to my aid!

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Alleluia: My sheep listen to my

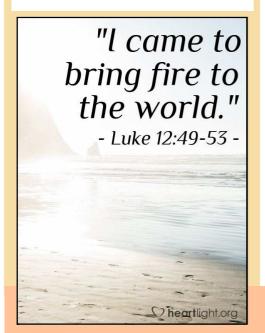
voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they

follow me.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Prayer: Lord, give us wisdom and

strength.



We too are called to set the world on fire!

Today's gospel reading is striking. Whenever we read the gospel it's important to imagine the vocal undertone of Christ's words. Like any other person, sometimes his voice would have been gentle and calm, and sometimes it would have been tense.

In today's gospel Jesus proclaims: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." There's a vibrant urgency to these words that must have been apparent in his voice. What does he mean? Why is he so passionate about this?

In the ancient Jewish world, fire was generally associated with judgment. We usually associate judgment with punishment. Yet Christ himself said in the gospel of John that he did not come to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. So what kind of judgment does Jesus bring?

He brings the judgment of the Cross. He brings the judgment that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son for us. He brings the judgment that brought St Paul to exclaim that "he loved me and he gave himself for me."

So when we really look at the crucifix we see the judgment of God. We see the horror of sin, and the infinitely greater love of God who came to die to set us free from sin and unite us to himself.

Christ reaffirms this in today's gospel when he says that there is a baptism with which he must be baptized, and that he's in anguish until it's accomplished. The Greek verb we translate as baptize is *baptizein*, which literally means to submerge. It refers to a difficult experience, and here Christ is referring to his suffering, death, and resurrection.

Christ came, then, to set the earth on fire by his death and resurrection. That brought us into a new relationship with him, setting us free to truly love him and, in him, to truly love others. And he invites us to share in that cruciform fire, to say with him: "I also have a mission to set the world on fire with freedom and love for God."



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, 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

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.

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 66:18-21 Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13 Luke 13:22-30



Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Dallimore Family and Lawley Family.
Daniel & Jessica
Thanksgiving to God and Our Lady and St
Joseph that I can see again.
Souls in Purgatory.

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Aniceto Lucas

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary & George Shaw, Frances Laverick, Angela Maria Del Giudice, Maria Nhiem.

Comfort & Healing

Cesare Bettoni, Nip Frogosa, Jack Considine, Rutillo Llovito, Sabrina Janz, Roselyn David, Carozon Robles, Remedios Laplana, Jose Mastruzzo, Nell Monagle, Fortunata Scalzo, Jamie Dumapias, Cesar Banzon, Sydonia Maslanyk, Margaret Horley, Leonie Drayton, Pauline Drayton, Allan Arias, Pat Roddis, Billy Frankland, Roger Joseph Ochoa, Josephine Grima, Barry Hyett, Loretta Mills, Cassandra O'Keefe, Carmen Micallef, George Tawaf, Denver D'Cruz, Grace Pulvera Skellern & Col. Roger Camacho, Carmelita Andrade, Hazel Ford, Raul Cruz, Pauline Walker, Geff Couch, Marlene Couch, Gavin Couch.









A Movie





Ask anything about life, faith and God

A Discussion

Come join us

Alpha is returning

Commencing on Thursday , 29th August 6.30-8.30pm Our Lady's Small Hall • 15 Lyons St, Maidstone To register, contact the Parish Office 9317 9298 or maidstone@cam.org.au

William Napiza & Teri

Napiza

Himig Filipino

24-25 August 2019

6:30pm

OL

Jesse Lipana

Comntr Lector/s **Eucharistic Ministers** Choir SAT 5:00pm OL Leanne Ma Lyette Almeida Yvonne Jose & Benjamin Mary's Choir 6:30pm CTK **Peggy Dias** Coral La'Toille & Tuyen Nguyen CTK Church Choir Theresa Seymour SUN 8:00am SJ Charles Budiman Sr Joan **Robert Brennan** Rosaline Raymundo, Jim 9:30am CTK Merri Balauca Sophie Nguyen CTK Church Choir Proctor, Lan-Anh Tuyen 10:00am OL OL Church Choir Hung Lam Hong Lam Lorraine D'Silva OL Nu Vuong 3:00pm 5:00pm CTK Lorraine Rodrigues Kelly Maglalang Kathe Casas Mother Teresa

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.

² Mass in Filipino is held at Our Lady's Church every 1st Saturday and third Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm.

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



Welcome to Australia Fr Joseph Nguyen Phan

Our Parish would like to welcome Fr. Joseph Nguyen Phan, RCJ. He is one of the seven newly ordained priests in the Congregation of the Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus along with Fr. Joseph Hoang Xuan Huong, Fr. Peter Hoang Van Dong, Fr. Joseph Nguyen Truong Thinh. Fr. Joseph is 39 years old, and a native of Ba Ria Vung Tau City, south of Vietnam. He entered the Congregation of the Rogationists on 12 October 2007, at Rogationist Missionary Station in Saigon, Vietnam. He made his Perpetual Profession on 1 June 2016 in Saigon, Vietnam. He was ordained a priest on 20 October 2018. Fr. Joseph Nguyen will be with us until the 21st of November to assist Fr. Rene and Fr. Gerald in ministering to our parishioners. Let us thank the Lord with Fr. Joseph for the

special gift of his priesthood and pray for his perseverance and growth in his priestly ministry.

Support our ACYF Delegates with a 'TAP'

If you would like to support a pilgrim you can do so as part of the Melbourne Pilgrimage Appeal being held on 28 – 29 July. You also have the option to offer your support via the new CDF sponsored, Donation Point Tap device at the Foyer.

Our Parish is also organizing a Spring Dance on the 21st September to further raise funds for the participation of our young people to the ACYF. It would be a wonderful evening, meeting other parishioners and doing a fun activity all together. Tickets are priced at \$25.00 and will be available from our youth volunteers at the Church Foyer.

You may also avail of the Spring Dance tickets from our Parish Office.

Permanent Diaconate

For those who are interested in finding out more about becoming Permanent Deacons, there will be an enquiry meeting held on 31st August from 10-11am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Further details about the Permanent

Diaconate can be obtained from the website.

www.cam.org.au/permanent-diaconate.

Altar Servers Training

We are inviting kids you have done their first communion to join our Altar Servers group both in Maidstone and Braybrook. Training for the Altar Servers will be on Saturday, 28th of September 2019. Please contact the Parish Office.

Annual Mass Of All Nations

Sunday, 25 August 2019 Rosary at 2pm, Mass at 3pm St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne Main celebrant: Archbishop Peter A Comensoli ALL ARE MOST WELCOME

A Cuppa for the Future of St. John's Church

We are inviting people who usually attend the Sunday Mass at St. John's Church in Essex street for a cuppa after the mass on the 25th of August 2019 in order to explore possibilities about the future of St. John's Church.



"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

- Luke 12:51

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

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St. John's Church

Presbytery \$102.25 Church \$208.75

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$1,239.35 Church \$1,617.85

Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$632.15 Church \$864.05

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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Caroline Chisholm Catholic College 65 Churchill Ave. Braybrook VIC 3019 Tel: 9296 5311 : Fax: 9296 5381 registrar@cccc.vic.edu.au

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church 46 Ballarat Road, Maidstone VIC 3012

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!



This weeks

MONDAY 19th August

10.00 am Italian Prayer Group O/L

WEDNESDAY 21st August

Novena Mass O/L 7.00 pm

FRIDAY 23rd August

Exposition and Adoration 6.00 pm

SUNDAY 25th August

3.00 pm Vietnamese Mass O/L



Thank You! Your support of this year's Appeal for the Propagation of the Faith enables Church workers in 1047 mission dioceses to offer Good News to their local communities. Thank you for contributing to the amount of \$1,538.65 which was raised by Holy Family community for Catholic Mission.

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18-24 August Thi Cuc Vu

25-31 August K. Nguyen

1-7 September Legion of Marv



Christ the King (Braybrook)

Wednesday, 21 August - Group 3 Allen, Norie, Dung, Huyen, Nhan (Le), Phuoc

Wednesday, 28 August - Group 4 **Legion of Mary**

Wednesday, 4 September -Group 1 Helen (O'Keefe), Allen, Rita, Anil, Thu (Tran), Huyen, Nhan (Le)



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



