



# The Holy Family

## PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

Today's Gospel narrates to us that the Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and was tempted by Satan. We are to face and overcome temptations as Jesus did by following His example through prayer, penance and the active use of the Word of God.

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Response: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel

Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Prayer: Listen to our prayer, O Lord.



## REPENTANCE AND FAITH IN THE GOSPEL

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

Part of Lent is deepening our awareness that we people who have a Covenant with the Living God. We are not just people who believe in God. We are a people sought out by God, a people formed by God and a people with a special love relationship with God. Only when we are deeply aware of His love for us can we truly begin to do penance in a Christian way.

The first reading today is from the Book of Genesis and recounts the establishment of the Covenant with Noah and his descendants. Many times, in the history of the Chosen People, God has made Covenants. These Covenants mark important events in the life of the Chosen People and are a sign of God's choosing this people and remaining faithful to His choice. What happens always is that God remains faithful to the Covenant and we do not. Yet we are called to look back at these Covenants and to let God change our faithlessness to faithfulness.

The second reading today is from the First Letter of Peter. This portion of the letter refers us once again to the Covenant with Noah and explains even more clearly that we must return to faithfulness. The letter points out that it is Christ who

has died for our sins and that we cannot think that the death of Christ was simply a removal of dirt from the body. Rather the death of Christ our consciences are made clean by our faith in Him. Thus, we are invited to choose Jesus Christ once again in this time of Lent and know that He is our salvation.

The Gospel of this First Sunday of Lent is always the Gospel of Christ in the Desert, the temptations of Christ fasting for forty days. The account this year comes from the Gospel of Mark and is very, very short. Saint Mark simply tells us that Jesus was in the desert forty days and was tempted and that angels ministered to Him. When Jesus leaves the desert, he begins His ministry of preaching. He preaches repentance and belief in the Good News of God.

We are invited to see that Lent is a time of Good News of God. Lent is a time to believe more deeply in this God who loves us and comes to save us in every situation. Lent is a time to listen attentively to the Word of God and to meditate on what this Word means in our lives. We are invited to turn away from anything that misleads us and walk always the way of the Lord.

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

BIRTHDAY: Jojo Claudio, King Cena,  
Giuseppe Bove

PRAYING FOR: Ancestors

### Eternal Repose

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Kennedy Family ,George,  
James & William Thompson, Margaret  
Mills., Royston Rozario, Mr & Mrs Mua, Mr  
and Mrs Buom, Maria Gai, Maria Trinh,  
lonel Balauca.

### 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 pm <sup>1</sup>
Filipino Mass	3:00 pm <sup>2</sup>
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 <sup>3</sup>
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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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

### MARRIAGE

3 months-notice required.

<sup>1</sup> Sunday Masses in Vietnamese are held at  
Our Lady's Church every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
and at Christ the King Church every 1<sup>st</sup> and  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.

<sup>2</sup> Sunday Mass in Filipino is held at Our  
Lady's Church every third Sunday of the  
month.

<sup>3</sup> The Wednesday evening Mass incorporates  
the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

## Vocation View

In order to hear a call from the Lord, our hearts must be opened to  
receive His Word. Lent begins with a call to repent so that all which  
clouds our ears might be stripped away to hear His voice clearly.  
(Mark 1:12-15)



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](mailto: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.

## 24-25 February 2018

## MINISTRIES & SERVICES

			Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Dulanga Tissera	Lyette Almeida	Yvonne Jose	Mary's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Theresa Seymour	Peggy Dias	Tuyen Nguyen & Coral Le'Toille	St. Cecilia's
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Charles Budiman	Sr Joan	Robert Brennan	-
	9:30am	CTK	Christopher Chu	Christine Medina	George Tawaf, Samia Tawaf & Julia Alcantara	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Albert Agbamey	Austin Leong	Lorraine D'Silva & Kata Vasilj	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	OL		Loan Vu	Hoa Ton	Nu Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Kathe Casas	Brendon Sarabia	Lorraine Rodrigues	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Frank Unger	Benedict Alvares	William Napiza, Teresa Napiza and Gemma Mendonez	Lavang Choir

### Next Week's Readings

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18  
Romans 8:31-34  
Mark 9:2-10



## Holy Family Parish Scripture Series



Last week on the 8<sup>th</sup> Feb the Learning Group held our first scripture event for 2018, picking up from the 2017 Scripture series. Our next session will be on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February @ 7pm, at Presbytery Pavilion**. Don't worry if you haven't attended any of the previous sessions – we love seeing new and familiar faces, so all are welcome! There will be food to share starting at 7pm and the event will commence at 7.30pm sharp. The dates for our following events (same place, same time) are as follows:

- 8<sup>th</sup> Mar
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar

We look forward to seeing you there!



## PROJECT COMPASSION FOR A JUST FUTURE

Janaki, a young businesswoman from Nepal, has turned her life around.

Growing up in extreme poverty and forced into a marriage at the age of twelve, she faced many challenges.

Her husband died just two years into their marriage.

In 2015, Janaki joined a youth club formed by Caritas Australia's partners, Caritas Nepal and the Ekata Foundation Surkhhet, learning how to sew.

She took a loan from the youth club to purchase her first sewing machine. Two years on, Janaki has 11 sewing machines and is running her own business teaching others. She is a role model in her community.



*"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...."*

• Mark 1:14 •

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

## stewardship

### St. John's Church

Presbytery	\$131.40
Church	\$279.80

### Our Lady's Church

Presbytery	\$1,176.05
Church	\$1,710.55

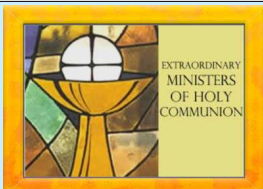
### Christ the King Church

Presbytery	\$547.20
Church	\$977.60

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.

### 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.

## SCHOOLS

**St. John's Catholic School**  
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**Caroline Chisholm Catholic College**  
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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church**  
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**St. John the Evangelist Church**  
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*Fr. René Ramirez, RCJ*  
Parish Priest

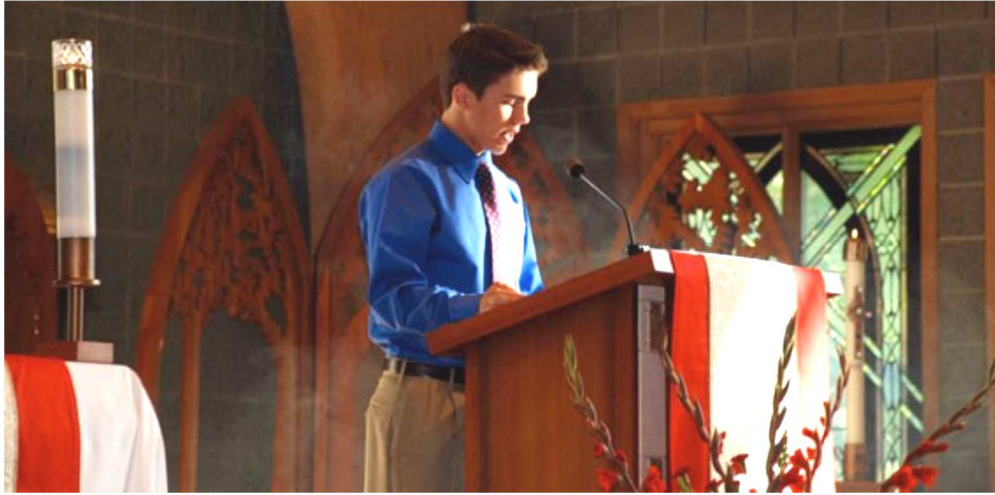
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*Huong Nguyen & Tram Nguyen*  
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# Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!



## 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.

## Triv?ia? ?NIGHT?

### PARISH—ST PATRICK'S DAY TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY 17th March  
commencing 7pm

Come along for a fun night of trivia and frivolity. Raffle prizes to be won. BYO food and drink. Prize for best dressed table so byo table decorations etc.

Entry cost: \$10 / \$5 concession. Bring along your friends to make up a table (maximum of 8) and have a great night out, celebrating St Patrick. Everyone welcome, including children.

For enquiries, phone Gaye  
0404065741

## 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](http://tinyurl.com/StAgathasCK)

## God's Plan for Marriage

## Pastoral Notes

The Season of Lent is the most appropriate time for celebrating the SACRAMENT OF PENANCE. Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God has heard the solemn invitation, *Turn away from sin and believe the good news*. It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbor and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts. The Sacrament of Penance is better celebrated before rather than during the Easter Triduum.



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