



The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

Like the apostle Thomas, we want to see clear signs of Jesus' victory over death and corruption. May the Lord open our eyes to the power of his resurrection and transform our doubts and fears into confident faith and boundless joy. This Octave Day of Easter is also Divine Mercy Sunday. Promoted by St. Faustina Kowalska, whom Pope John Paul II canonized on 30 April 2000, the devotion to the Divine Mercy is a perennial invitation for us to face, with confidence in divine goodness, the difficulties and trials of both the present and the future.

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Response: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Alleluia: You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Prayer: God of mercy, listen to our prayer.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive...

Eight days ago we and all the rest of the 1.3 billion Catholics throughout the world gazed with wonder and gratitude on the Resurrection of our Lord.

Today, we turn our eyes back to the little group of Apostles who, eight days after Easter Sunday, were gathered once again in the upper room.

And Jesus appears to them, once again, in the glory of his resurrected body, effortlessly passing through their locked doors and their hidden fears.

- The first thing he does is go after the one lost sheep whose heart is astray: he lets doubting St Thomas touch his glorious wounds, mercifully removing all doubts that had separated him from the rest of the tiny church.
- And then he looks into the eyes of his Apostles, breathes on them, and gives them the power and task to forgive sins in his name.
- This was the start of the sacrament of confession, which ever since then has been bringing other stray sheep back into the Good Shepherd's merciful care.

Almost 20 centuries after that encounter between Christ and his Apostles, in the year 2000, Pope John

Paul II established this first Sunday after Easter as a universal Feast of the Church in honor of that Divine Mercy.

In so doing, he was fulfilling a request our Lord himself made in his appearances to the Polish nun, St Faustina Kowalska.

Just the thought of Christ's mercy fills us with confidence and hope.

But it should also fill us with humility.

If Christ is so eager to spread the news about his boundless mercy, it's because we need that mercy.

It's because sin is a reality in our lives and in our world, and sin causes real damage that only Christ can repair.

This is the tough side of God's mercy - the reality of sin.

Today, as Christ feeds us once again from the very fountain of mercy, Holy Communion, let's ask him for the grace to be living images, living paintings, of his mercy in this world so wounded by sin.



Today I decided
to forgive you.

Not because you
apologized, or because
you acknowledged the
pain that you caused
me, but because my
soul deserves peace.

Najwa Zebian

Awakening
People

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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 to SATURDAY

Christ the King	8:00 am
Our Lady's	9:00 am

WEDNESDAY

Our Lady's	7:00 pm ³
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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

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.

Next Week's Readings

Acts 3:13-15,17-19
1 John 2:1-5
Luke 24:35-48



Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Wedding Anniversary: Patricia & Roman Sawko

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anna Nguyen Thi Thuc, Caterina Meddis.

ANNIVERSARIES: Lydia & Maybel, Jane Spiteri, Emmanuel Piscopo, Giuse Pham Viet Can, Maria Pham Thi Che, Gioan Baotixita Vu Tat Dat, Maria Doan Thi Do, Gioan Baotixita Pham Van Nha, Maria Vu Thi Thuoc, Maria Vu Thi Hang, Sylvia Braden, Carmine Musella, Giuse Phan Nguyen, Anna Chat Pham, Anna Mua Pham, Norma Oliver, Tony and Rita Sanahan.

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.

Vocation View

Despite our lack of faith, Christ still calls and gives the strength to respond. Bring your questions to Him, that He might answer your doubts with His gentle, but persistent love. (John 20:19-31)



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 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.

14-15 April 2018

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

			Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Jeresa Sawadan	Joward Sawadan	Benjamin	Our Lady's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Peggy Dias	Rose Thomas	Alicia Alcantara & Lucy Inocencio	St. Cecilia's
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Lang Phan	Charles Budiman	Robert Brennan	-
	9:30am	CTK	Christopher Chu	Christine Chu	Lan-Anh Tuyet, Jim Proctor & Rosaline Raymundo	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Albert Agbamey	Hung Lam	Christine Mullan & Guiseppina Genovesi	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	CTK		Loan Vu	Hoa Ton	Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Kelly Maglalang	Kimberly Lam	Kathe Casas	-
	6:30pm	OL	Kim Vu	Benedict Alvares	Hung Trinh	-



Christ the King Church Sound System Fund Appeal

For some months now, people from Christ the King Church may have noticed the random feedback sound that pops out of the speakers. We have spent the last few weeks trying to isolate the problem and have come to the conclusion that changing our old amplifiers and mixers are the only solution. The speakers are still good but we may also need to rewire the system. For this reason, we would like to appeal to your generosity, if you can express your gesture of solidarity for the upgrade of this facility of our parish. We need to raise at least \$ 4,000.00 to cover the rewiring, acquisition of a new mixer, amplifier and equalizer, plus some microphones and mic stands for the choir. We will be publishing in the Bulletin the list of donors and acknowledge any help from your generosity. Thank you in anticipation of any help that you may spare for this endeavor.

You may either forward your donations to the Parish Office or make an Electronic Fund Transfer to our parish account with the following details:

Account Name:	Holy Family Parish—Projects
BSB & Account Number	083 347 584116604
Reference:	CTKsound

Please forward to us your full name and contact details so we can properly acknowledge your donations. God bless!

HAMER SINGERS AT THE CATHEDRAL: WHEN WE WERE CHILDREN

Sunday 15 April, 3.30pm

St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

This will be the second concert given in Melbourne's Catholic cathedral by this newly formed and brilliantly received choir. Music from Iceland, New York, Estonia, Latvia and England will fill the soaring architecture of St Pat's. The choir presents contemporary and Tudor visions of childhood, with moments of exquisite quiet, delicacy and profound faith. Choral works by Pärt, Thorvaldsdottir, Lang, Tallis and Vasks will be conducted by acclaimed choral/artistic director Jonathan Grieves-Smith.

Cost: \$35, students \$25. **Bookings:** www.trybooking.com/TJID

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..."

— ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.

stewardship

St. John's Church

Presbytery	\$259.10
Church	\$395.65

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery	\$2,347.50
Church	\$2,317.35

Christ the King Church

Presbytery	\$1,367.40
Church	\$1,586.40

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

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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*

*Sr. Helen Robinson, RSJ
Hospital Pastoral Associate*

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Secretaries*

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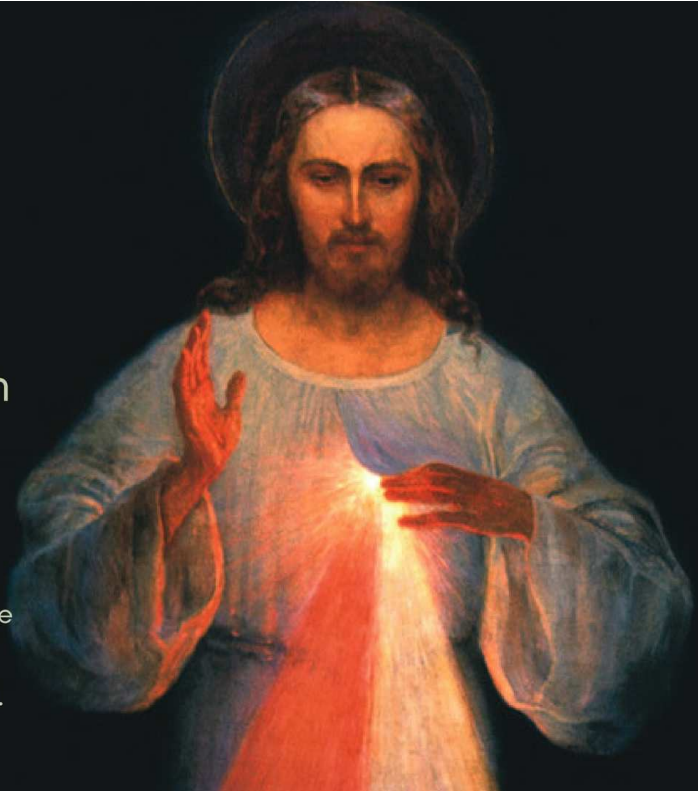
Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

DIVINE MERCY

Sunday, April 8th



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy focuses on the bountiful gift of God's forgiveness & compassionate mercy to all who ask for it.



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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

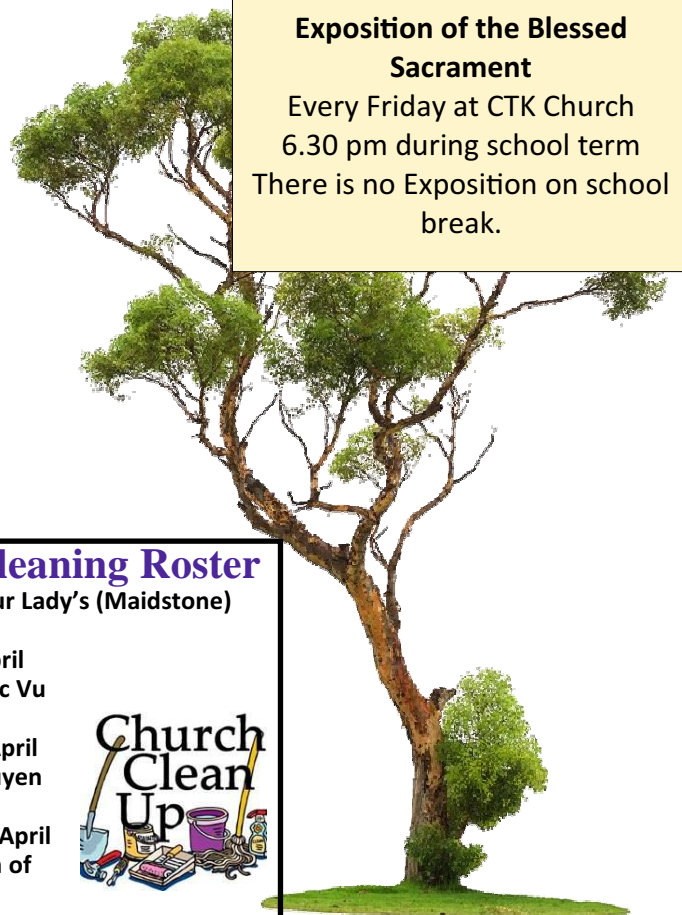
Every Friday at CTK Church
6.30 pm during school term
There is no Exposition on school
break.

Cleaning Roster Our Lady's (Maidstone)

1-7 April
Thi Cuc Vu

8-14 April
K. Nguyen

15-21 April
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