



The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

Our Gospel today is a wake-up call. Knowing the Lord and the Gospel is not enough. It is necessary to live the life that Jesus lived and put his word into practice. Entrance into God's kingdom is not easy. We have to pass through the narrow door. May we have the humility to see that God's kingdom is a gift which we have to accept with joy and courage, so that it may bear fruit in our lives.

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Response: Go out to all the world,
and tell the Good News.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Alleluia: I am the way, the truth,
and the life, says the
Lord; no one comes to
the Father, except
through me.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Prayer: Lord, listen to your
people.

Reclining at the table in the Kingdom

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

In ancient times, when people gathered together at a banquet, they did not sit at table, like in the Leonardo Da Vinci's famous mural painting last supper. They reclined on couches and were served food and drink. To recline together at table was a sign of intimacy and friendship.

Through a parabolic teaching, Jesus, in today's Gospel, warns those who think that entry into the kingdom is through "ascription," that is, the assignment of status through kinship ties. The Jews may be the chosen people, children of Abraham, people with whom Jesus associates and to whom Jesus preaches the Gospel, but their salvation is far from assured. Very early, through the words of John the Baptist, the people have been warned that their claim to privileged status via family heritage is no guarantee for being saved: "Produce good fruits as evidence of your repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones" (Luke 3:8). Jesus' parable places a measure of status not in ascription but in performance. The authentic response to Jesus' "teaching in the streets" entails both hearing and doing. The true disciple is one who hears the word of God and puts into practice, bearing the fruit of repentance and good deeds.

To the question whether only a few will be saved, Jesus pictures a multitude "from the east and the west and from the north and the south" reclining at the banquet in God's kingdom. The expression "from the east and the west" refers to the ingathering of the Jews from the diaspora in the eschatological times. St. Luke appends "from the north and the south" to add the ingathering of the Gentiles and stress the theme of universalism. The coming of the Gentiles is not a rejection of the Jews. But Jesus disabuses the Jews, especially their religious leaders, of the idea that they cannot rely on their status as "sons of the kingdom." Salvation is God's gift freely given to the Israelites, and now to the Gentiles. The Jews should welcome the kingdom of God with gratitude and humility, and not as something due them because of their ties with Abraham.





Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving
Dallimore Family and Lawley Family.

Eternal Repose
RECENTLY DECEASED: Genaro Euprepio, Malou Garcia, Antonio Cocivera.

ANNIVERSARIES: Phero La Tien Nham, George Cairnduff, Maria & Giuse Ky Tran, Phanxico Xavie Quoc Thai, Ted Thomas, Tom Doyle.

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.

Mass Schedule

SUNDAY

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| 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

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

TUESDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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| Christ the King | 8:00 am |
| Our Lady's | 9:00 am |
| | 7:00 pm ³ |

THURSDAY

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| Christ the King | 9.15 am |
| Our Lady's | 8:00 am |

SATURDAY (Vigil Mass)

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| 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

Whom the Lord loves, He disciplines. The best way to lead others through the narrow gate is to be formed and disciplined as a leader. Then you can go through the narrow gate, yourself.



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

31st August - 1st September 2019

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

| | | | Comntr | Lector/s | Eucharistic Ministers | Choir |
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| SAT | 5:00pm | OL | Christine Medina | Lyette Almeida | Yvonne Jose & Benjamin | Mary's Choir |
| | 6:30pm | CTK | Catherine Seymour | Theresa Seymour | Nina Bartolo & Shane Caldwell | CTK Church Choir |
| SUN | 8:00am | SJ | Nam Tran | Anna Nguyen | Kath Crowley | - |
| | 9:30am | CTK | Evelyn Ronquillo | Kristine Nguyen | Julie Alcantara, Jim Proctor, Nigsty Tedla | CTK Church Choir |
| | 10:00am | OL | Paul Handley | Austin Leong | Christine Mullan & Guiseppina Genovesi | OL Church Choir |
| | 3:00pm | CTK | | | | Trinh Vuong |
| | 5:00pm | CTK | Kimberly Lam | Brendon Sarabia | Dudley Rodrigues | Mother Teresa |
| | 6:30pm | OL | Frank Unger | Lesley Pace | Antonio Sobredo & Rose Sobredo | Mary's choir |

Next Week's Readings

Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31

Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

Luke 14:1,7-14

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.

ACU FACULTY OF THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY SHORT COURSE

Wednesday 28 August, 6-8pm

Mercy Lecture Theatre, ACU Melbourne Campus, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy

Two weeks remain of this 4-week Short Course, 'The Bible and Belief: Truth, Authority and Religious Commitment in the 21st Century'. The course offers you the opportunity to explore Christian faith and world religions without committing to a full degree. Short Courses at ACU are taught by leading scholars and experts, and are suitable for parishioners, teachers, youth ministers, students and anyone interested learning more in theology.

Cost: \$100 attendance and certificate of participation, \$50 attendance only

Details: <https://bit.ly/2WIE7aU>



Father's Day Appeal

1 September 2019

The Priests Retirement Foundation runs the Father's day appeal annually on the first Sunday of September, Father's Day. Appeal envelopes will be available in your Church in the first week of September. The donations received go towards the cost of supporting our retired priests, a cost of approximately \$3m annually. .

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."

- Luke 13:30

Our standards in society are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "what have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

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St. John's Church

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| Presbytery | \$105.85 |
| Church | \$252.90 |

Our Lady's Church

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| Presbytery | \$1,091.45 |
| Church | \$1,208.35 |

Christ the King Church

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| Presbytery | \$837.75 |
| Church | \$1,285.50 |

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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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

Fr. René Ramirez, RCJ
Parish Priest

Fr. Gerald Biñegas, RCJ
Assistant Priest

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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!



We proclaim a crucified Christ

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23 August 2019

Dear brothers and sisters,

As a new week begins, I wish to share my prayerful concern for you all, in light of anything that may have been raised for you personally or for those you know across our faith community of Melbourne, as a result of the Appeal decision last week.

It has been a challenging time in so many ways, particularly for those whose lives some in our Church have failed to protect, dignify and respect.

They are our neighbours, and we are called to be attentive and loving to all our neighbours in need.

I encourage you to hold each other in prayer, and to continue to reach out to one another in faith, hope and love.

May the blessed Mother carry all our prayers at this time.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

Support our ACYF Delegates with a 'TAP'

We continue our appeal to support our parish delegates to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth in December. We have 16 delegates from our Parish. You may offer your support via the new CDF sponsored, Donation Point Tap near the image of Our Lady of Fatima.

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.



This week's events

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| MONDAY 10.00 am | 26th August Italian Prayer Group O/L |
| WEDNESDAY 7.00 pm | 28th August Novena Mass O/L |
| THURSDAY 6.30 pm | 29th August ALPHA Small Hall |
| FRIDAY 6.00 pm | 30th August Exposition and Adoration CTK |
| SATURDAY 2.30 pm | 31st August Penafracia Triduum Mass by Filipino Chaplaincy O/L |
| SUNDAY 3.00 pm | 1st September Vietnamese Mass CTK |

Cleaning Roster

Our Lady's (Maidstone)

18-24 August
Thi Cuc Vu

25-31 August
K. Nguyen

1-7 September
Legion of Mary



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



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