



# The Holy Family

## PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

The blind Bartimaeus is cut off not only from the beauty of the world but also from other people. Some people think that his blindness is due to his sins or the sins of his parents. So they believe that he is also cut off from God. But Jesus cares for Bartimaeus and grants him his most cherished wish: to be able to see. He also opens the eyes of the people to the truth that God cares for the poor and the blind. And they, in turn, must not pass them by but give them a helping hand.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Alleluia: Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Prayer: Lord, hear our prayer.



## FROM THE WAYSIDE TO JESUS' SIDE

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

For Jesus' disciples and the bystanders, Bartimaeus is a nuisance. As he calls out to Jesus, they berate him and command him to keep quiet. For the disciples, Jesus is not to be inconvenienced by the desperate needs of a poor blind man. However, no one is too insignificant to Jesus. He stops on his tracks and commands Bartimaeus to come to him. Only then do the disciples, embarrassed by Jesus' compassion for Bartimaeus, assist and bring him to the Lord.

On his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus passes through the city of Jericho. He may perhaps be lost in his thoughts about his imminent death that not even his disciples could foresee or comprehend. But then he notices Bartimaeus. In the face of death, Jesus, who will later be scorned and scourged, remains attentive to those in need. Jesus sets aside his thoughts about his death and attends to a man scorned by everyone else.

Having heard of the miracles Jesus has performed, Bartimaeus, desperate for a cure, excitedly calls out to Jesus, "Son of David." No one else in Mark's gospel addresses Jesus with this royal title. For Bartimaeus, Jesus is not merely a rabbi, a prophet, or a miracle worker. He is the Messiah, God's anointed who will redeem Israel from her sufferings and misfortunes. Ironically, though blind, Bartimaeus recognizes the true identity of Jesus, which his disciples have not yet grasped.

He declares his faith in Jesus as the messianic Son of David as he responds to Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?" "I want to see," he replies, affirming his faith in Jesus, the Christ or Messiah, who has power and authority to reverse infirmity and confer God's mercy.

By his faith he is healed. He does not mind being ridiculed by the crowds, as long as he is able to profess his faith in Jesus. Totally confident in Jesus, he surrenders himself, his woes and hopes to the Lord.

Most probably, many of us have freely placed our faith and trust in the Lord. And indeed, in the words of today's Psalm response, which conviction we declare, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with Joy." Often indeed has the Lord granted our prayers and petitions. On the other hand, despite placing our faith in Jesus, despite making known to him our desperate needs, how often have our cries been seemingly unheeded by the Lord?

We need to revisit our conception of the Lord. With regard to our sufferings and needs, what do we expect of him as our Lord and Redeemer? Will God be worthy of our worship only if he fulfills all our petitions? Will God cease to be God for us if he disappoints us during our time of need?



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Dallimore Family, Antuanette Irons and Grace Buttigieg

### Eternal Repose

#### RECENTLY DECEASED:

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Felix Brincat, Maria Vu Thi Thuoc, Gioan Baotixita Pham Van Nha, Giuse Pham Viet Can, Maria Pham Thi Che, Gioan Baotixita Vu Tat Dat, Maria Doan Thi Do, Maria Pham Thi Hang, Maria Ta Thi Hue, Giuseppe Iannone.

### Comfort & Healing

Cesare Bettoni, 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, Jamie Dumapias, Cesar Banzon, Sydonia Maslanyk, Margaret Horley, Marie Henwood, Leonie Drayton, Pauline Drayton, Allan Arias, Lawrie Green, Billy Frankland, Edgar Dacaldacal, Roger Joseph Ochoa, Josephine Grima, Barry Hyett, Loretta Mills, Cassandra O'Keefe.

## 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, 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 pm<sup>3</sup>

### 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

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

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

## Vocation View

**"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." The priesthood of Jesus Christ is not bestowed by ancestry, as the Temple priesthood was, but by selection by Christ in imitation of Melchizedek. (Hebrews 5:6)**



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](mailto:olckedge@gmail.com)**  
**Our Lady's Large Hall 7.00-9.00pm**



### RCIA

Our parish is commencing a program for Adults who wish to become Catholics. It goes for 14 Thursdays at 7pm in the Parish Pavilion. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

## 3-4 November 2018

## MINISTRIES & SERVICES

			Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Lyette Almeida	Leanne Ma	Agnes Attard & Teresa Napiza	Our Lady's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Catherine Seymour	Theresa Seymour	Tuyen Nguyen & Nina Bartolo	St. Cecilia's
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Anna Nguyen	Nam Tran	Kath Crowley	-
	9:30am	CTK	Evelyn Ronquillo	Kirstine Nguyen	Julia Alcantara, Jim Proctor & Nigsty Tedla	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Claire Lawson	Paul Handley	Christine Mullan & Fred Lipana	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	CTK		Nguyen Thai Pham	Hoa Ton	Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Kathe Casas	Brendon Sarabia	Dudley Rodrigues	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Julietta Uy	Lesley Pace	Antonio Sobredo & Rose Sobredo	Mary's Choir

### Next Week's Readings

Deuteronomy 6:2-6  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 12:28-34





The 7 newly ordained Rogationist Priests, four of which are Vietnamese wish to extend their most sincere gratitude to the parishioners of the Holy Family Parish for the prayers and support.

#### ST VINCENT'S HOSPITAL 125 YEARS OF CARING CELEBRATORY MASS

Thursday 1 November, 9–10am

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

All are welcome to a Mass celebrating 125 years of caring with St Vincent's Hospital.

Enquiries: [svhm.mission@svha.org.au](mailto:svhm.mission@svha.org.au)

More information: <https://www.svhm.org.au/125years>



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*Offering*

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Envelopes are ready in  
our Churches, please  
retrieve your new set.**



Nothing beats the excitement of winning in a raffle while helping our Parish this Christmas season. Hurry! \$2 Donation is all it takes to win any of the following prizes:

- 1st Prize - \$1000 worth of products
- 2nd Prize - \$500 worth of products
- 3rd Prize - \$300 worth of product
- 7 Consolation Prizes worth \$150.00 each

Winning numbers will be drawn on 16th December 2018 at 6:00am after the Dawn Mass at Our Lady's Church Maidstone.

*"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way."*

- MARK 10:52

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. But, if you focus on the positive, not the negative, focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common and you will see God's active presence in your daily life.

## stewardship

#### St. John's Church

Presbytery	\$136.25
Church	\$453.15

#### Our Lady's Church

Presbytery	\$1,112.75
Church	\$1,514.85

#### Christ the King Church

Presbytery	\$941.95
Church	\$1,483.55

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

34 Essex St., Footscray West VIC 3011  
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## CONTACT

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#### St. John the Evangelist Church

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*Fr. René Ramirez, RCJ  
Parish Priest*

*Fr. Gerald Biñegas, RCJ  
Assistant Priest*

*Sr. Helen Robinson, RSJ  
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*Huong Nguyen & Tram Nguyen  
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# Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

## Grotto Update

Dear Parishioners,

A group of dedicated and devoted parishioners have initiated a project to construct a Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. This is a welcome initiative especially because our Church in Maidstone is dedicated to our Lady and has been established as a shrine to Mary. The initial work about the project will commence on Saturday, 27 October 2018. I would like to invite the devotees of our Mother Mary to take this opportunity to take part in this project so that together we may be able to realize this beautiful ornate for the garden at the side of the Church.

Should you wish to take part in this project, please contact our Parish Office on 9317 9298 or Thanh Vu at 0404 121 929.

Kính thưa quý Ông Bà và Anh Chị Em,

Một nhóm giáo dân nhiệt tâm và tận tụy, đã khởi xướng một dự án xây dựng tượng đài Đức Mẹ Lộ Đức ở bên cạnh nhà thờ Our Lady. Đây là một sáng kiến rất đáng hoan nghênh vì Nhà thờ của chúng ta ở Maidstone là dành riêng cho Đức Mẹ và được thiết lập như một ngôi đền để tôn kính Mẹ Maria. Dự án này dự trù sẽ được khởi công vào ngày thứ Bảy (27/10/2018). Vì thế, tôi muốn mời gọi tất cả các giáo dân có lòng sùng kính Mẹ Maria, hãy nhân cơ hội này tham gia vào dự án để chúng ta có được một tượng đài thật đẹp trang trí cho ngôi vườn ngay bên cạnh Nhà thờ.

Quý Ông Bà và Anh Chị Em có nhã ý đóng góp vào dự án này, xin vui lòng liên hệ với Văn phòng Giáo xứ qua số 9317 9298 hoặc Thanh Vũ qua số 0404 121 929.



This week's events

<b>MONDAY</b> 10.00 am	<b>29th October</b> Italian Prayer Group O/L
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7.00 pm	<b>31st October</b> Novena/Mass O/L
<b>FRIDAY</b> 6.30 pm	<b>2nd November</b> Exposition & Adoration CTK
<b>SUNDAY</b> 3.00 pm	<b>4th November</b> Vietnamese Mass CTK

## Feast of Christ The King Choir practice

All parishioners are invited to join choir practice preparing for the feast of Christ The King on the following Fridays 09/11, 16/11 and 23/11 from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm.

Để chuẩn bị mừng lễ Chúa Kitô Vua (Chúa Nhật 25/11 lúc 9.30am) Xin kính mời quý vị bỏ chút thời giờ đến tập hát vào ba tối thứ Sáu trong tháng Mười Một sau đây:  
09/11, 16/11 và 23/11  
thời gian: 7.30pm đến 9.00pm



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### Cleaning Roster

Our Lady's (Maidstone)

**28 October-3 November**  
Thi Cuc Vu

**4-10 November**  
K. Nguyen

**11-17 November**  
Legion of Mary





**Plenary Council 2020**

*What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?*



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](mailto:maidstone@cam.org.au) or visit our website at [www.hfp.org.au](http://www.hfp.org.au)