



# The Holy Family PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

The spirit of Lent invites us to recall our sins and failings, and moves us to be sorry for them. Our sorrow over our dark past, however, should lead not to pessimism but to hope. Because we have been gifted with the immeasurable riches of God's grace, we have come to the light and are called to bring Christ's light to our world.

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

Response: Let my tongue be silenced,  
if I ever forget you!

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel

Acclamation: Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!  
God loved the world so  
much, he gave us his only  
Son, that all who believe in  
him might have eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you,  
Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Prayer: Lord, listen to your people.



## Living in the truth...

Patrick Lagges

"Early and often" is a phrase the Chronicler uses in the first reading to describe God's attempts to offer salvation to humanity. "Early and often," he says, God had compassion on the community of Israel, and offered them the means for returning to their relationship with the Lord.

This is one of several "covenant stories" that we have in the B Cycle of readings for Lent. We have heard about the covenant that God made with the whole world in the story of Noah; and on the second and third Sundays, we are reminded of the covenants through Abraham and Moses. On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we will hear the prophet Jeremiah announce God's intention to establish a new covenant, written on the hearts of God's people, that they cannot walk away from any more than they can walk away from themselves.

Today, the Chronicler tells us that it's not just at major moments in our history that God has reached out to us in mercy. It's "early and often." It's through Noah and Abraham and Moses. It's through the call of God's messengers throughout human history; through the bronze serpent lifted up in the desert; and as promised through the prophet Isaiah.

It is a continuing story of a continuing relationship; not one in which a later story replaces a previous one, but one in which each story demonstrates God's ongoing concern for the salvation of the world.

Each of the stories on each of the Sundays of Lent shows us the way in which "God so loved the world." They are the ways in which God, who is rich in mercy, allows us to plumb the depths of that mercy, so that

we can better understand God's richness and the extraordinary depth of God's love.

The culminating story that demonstrates the proof of God's love is found in Jesus, whom God sends into the world not as phenomenon (the rainbow of Noah's time), or ritual (circumcision in the Abrahamic covenant), or law (the Commandments through Moses), but as person.

Jesus becomes the message of God, not spoken through prophets, but written on the human heart, as Jeremiah prophesies on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. And so our understanding of that message comes ultimately through human relationship with human flesh and blood.

It is the flesh and blood of Jesus that John (in today's Gospel) tells us brings light to the world – the light of Jesus and the light we become through Jesus. Through the One who is Light, we are cured of our blindness and able to see clearly and definitively the love which God has shown the world "early and often" because of God's love for the world.

In the readings, we see the continuing work of God, who had created the world "in the beginning" because of love, who "early and often" raised up a world thrust down by sinfulness, and who, in the richness of mercy, showed us the eternal manifestation of love through our relationship with the person of Jesus, who finally and definitively enlightens us to the message that God has been trying to communicate with us from the beginning.

In the Gospel, John says that our response to the light that has come into the world is to live in the truth.



## 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

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

### TUESDAY to SATURDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

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| Our Lady's | 7:00 pm <sup>3</sup> |
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### 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

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



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

#### Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Giuseppa Polizzi

ANNIVERSARIES: Giuse Nguyen Van Rue, Robert Linsley, Mary Gordon, Jack Thompson, George Shaw, June Brady, Hilaria Saulog, Peter Tavone

### 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

## Vocation View

To be cut off from the treasures of the Church is to be cast away from life itself. As the Israelites longed to rebuild the Temple of Jerusalem, so must we long to continue to build up the Church today. (Psalm 137)



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 First 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.

17-18 March 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        | Lucy Inocencio & Alicia Alcantara                     | St. Cecilia's    |
| SUN | 8:00am  | SJ  | Lang Phan        | Charles Budiman    | Robert Brennan  | -                |
|     | 9:30am  | CTK | Christine Medina | Christopher Chu    | Florian Raymundo, Connie Mammaoliti & Julia Alcantara | CTK Church Choir |
|     | 10:00am | OL  | Albert Agbamey   | Guillermo Narsillo | Guiseppina Genovesi, Hong Le & Thanh Le               | OL Church Choir  |
|     | 3:00pm  | CTK |                  | Nguyen Thai Pham   | Hoa Ton   | Trinh Vuong      |
|     | 5:00pm  | CTK | Kelly Maglalang  | Kimberly Lam       | Kathe Casas   | Mother Teresa    |
|     | 6:30pm  | OL  | Hung Trinh       | Kim Vu             | Benedict Alvares                                      | -                |

### Next Week's Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Hebrews 5:7-9  
John 12:20-33



**Evangeline was first featured in Project Compassion 2016, and has risen to the role of Senior Artswoker.**

Evangeline's small remote community in the Northern Territory face a range of challenges stemming from the violent experience of colonisation, including few jobs, crowded housing and lack of access to services.

The non-profit Aboriginal organisation, Djilpin Arts is supported by Caritas Australia and is a key employer in this community.

At the Centre, young people come together with Elders to learn about their culture through art, storytelling, dance and song.

Djilpin Arts provided Evangeline with an opportunity.

Evangeline and the team of Artswokers are doing really important work promoting their cultural knowledge and providing excellence in Indigenous tourism.



**PROJECT COMPASSION**  
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT **FOR A JUST FUTURE** 11TH MAR 2018

**Join the celebration  
of the Stations of the Cross**

*(Đàng Thánh Giá Mùa Chay)*

Tiếng Việt : Thứ Ba sau Thánh Lễ 8.00 am



**English:** Friday after the Morning Mass  
(Braybrook and Maidstone)

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Every Friday at CTK Church—6.30 pm

*"For God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son..."*

*- John 3:16*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

## stewardship

### St. John's Church

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| Presbytery | \$135.95 |
| Church     | \$232.50 |

### Our Lady's Church

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| Presbytery | \$1,035.15 |
| Church     | \$1,530.70 |

### Christ the King Church

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| Presbytery | \$722.90   |
| Church     | \$1,159.10 |

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.

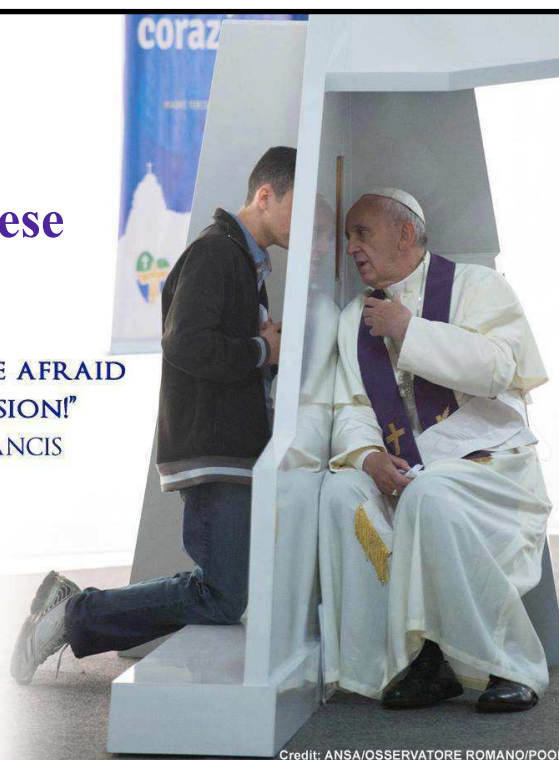
## 2nd Rite of Reconciliation in English & Vietnamese

**"DO NOT BE AFRAID  
OF CONFESSION!"**  
-POPE FRANCIS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church  
with resident priests and guest priests  
(Vietnamese and non Vietnamese)

Date: Holy Tuesday 27/3/2018

Time: 6.30 pm



Credit: ANSA/OSSERVATORE ROMANO/POOL

## SCHOOLS

### St. John's Catholic School

34 Essex St., Footscray West VIC 3011  
Tel: 9687 3150 : Fax: 9687 9166  
principal@sjfootscray.catholic.edu.au

### Christ the King Primary School

28 Riley Court, Braybrook VIC 3019  
Tel: 9311 7387 : Fax: 9312 6755  
principal@ctkbraybrook.catholic.edu.au

### Caroline Chisholm Catholic College

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

## 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*

*Sr. Helen Robinson, RSJ  
Hospital Pastoral Associate*

*Huong Nguyen & Tram Nguyen  
Secretaries*

### Parish Office

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# Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

## Holy Family Parish Scripture Series



On the 22nd of March, the Learning Group will hold the last Scripture series for this semester. Take advantage of the inputs of Prof. Rosemarie Prosser and try not to miss this opportunity. We look forward to seeing you at the Presbytery Pavilion next Thursday, 22 March at 7:00pm.



## Novena & Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Wednesdays 7:00 pm



### RADIO STATION – 94.7 FM ‘THE PULSE’

Every Sunday at 10.00am

## Trivia? NIGHT?

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

SATURDAY 17th March  
commencing 7pm

Come along for a fun night of trivia and frivolity, to be held in small hall of Our Lady’s, Maidstone. 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  
0404 065 741

### RISE MELBOURNE 2018: CATHOLIC YOUTH DARING TO DREAM

Saturday 17 March, 10am–10pm  
Mount St Joseph’s, 133 Maidstone  
Street, Altona (opposite Westona train  
station)

As part of the celebrations for the Year of Youth 2018, a number of youth groups, schools and communities around Melbourne are hosting this one-day event for young people aged from Year 9 to 30 years, to discover and deepen in Christ and to celebrate their faith. Rise 2018 will include opportunities for young people to experience the arts, live music, prayer, social time and workshops based on a variety of topics.

Cost: Free

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: AN INTRODUCTION

Wednesday 14 March, 7–9pm  
Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre,  
383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

This workshop will introduce participants to the theology, history and practice of this ancient form of Christian prayer. Come and experience the stillness, simplicity and silence that seek God beyond words and thoughts. The workshop will be facilitated by Mirella Pace, Deputy National Coordinator of the Australian Christian Meditation Community.  
**Cost:** \$20 includes refreshments  
**Registration:** by Monday 12 March at <https://www.trybooking.com/UIYN>  
**Details:** Suzanne Hermon on 9926 5761 or [Suzanne.hermon@cam.org.au](mailto:Suzanne.hermon@cam.org.au)

### ROSTER

Our Lady’s  
(Maidstone)

11-17 March  
Thi Cuc Vu

18-24 March  
K. Nguyen

25 March–31 April  
Legion of Mary



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