



The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

"We would like to see Jesus." These words, spoken by some Greeks to Philip, express the goal of Lent and of Christian living. Jesus responds to this desire by speaking of his "hour" of glory, referring to his death and resurrection. He uses two images: the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies to produce much fruit, and his being lifted up or being crucified and exalted at the same time. Jesus' glory is revealed not only in the resurrection but also in the very act of dying.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Response: Create a clean heart in me,
O God.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel

Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me,
says the Lord; and where I
am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Prayer: Lord, listen to our prayer.



CHRIST IS READY TO OFFER EVERYTHING FOR OUR SALVATION

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

This Sunday the readings focus us on the life and death of Jesus and the Old Testament passages that help us understand the life and death of the Lord. It is really important for us to recognize that without the Old Testament, the Jewish Scriptures, it would be very difficult for us—perhaps even impossible—to understand Jesus and His life and death.

The first reading today is from the Prophet Jeremiah. This Prophet is clear that the relationship of God with His people has been difficult and that the previous Covenants have been broken and that there is a need for a New Covenant that will last forever. The Prophet Jeremiah shows us a God who is always seeking us out, who is willing to start a New Covenant with us, who always wants to love us. And so, we hear in this reading today: "All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the Lord, for I will forgive their evil-doing and remember their sin no more."

What a wonderful God we have. This God was known and loved by the Prophet Jeremiah and we are invited to know and love this same God, who loves us and who always forgives us—and forgets our sins!

The second reading comes from the Letter to the Hebrews. This letter is used more and more during the time we come close to Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The letter speaks so

clearly of the sufferings of the Lord Jesus: "Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him."

God has taken on our flesh and our human weakness even though God in Christ never sins. God in Christ knows our sinful nature and truly suffers. The carrying of the Cross and the death on the Cross are real and unite Jesus to us in a way that is unimaginable for God to share in our lives. Yet God chooses this way to draw us to Himself. We are invited to learn obedience to the will of the Father, even though we know that in the process of obedience, we also shall suffer.

The Gospel from Saint John today includes a short passage in which the divine breaks through into the ordinary life once again. When we hear a voice from heaven in the Gospels, then we know that the divine is breaking into the ordinary. Jesus says: "Father, glorify your name." The Voice from Heaven says: "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

The challenge in this last part of Lent is to LISTEN to the Lord, to the whole of the Old Testament and to the Church. God is speaking to us. Will we answer? Will we give our lives in obedience to the Lord Jesus—always with love and joy?



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 Sunday Mass in Filipino is held at Our Lady's Church every third Sunday of the month.

³ The Wednesday evening Mass incorporates the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Bday Thanksgiving: Bong Dammay, Menard Cadelina.

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Catalina Guzman.

ANNIVERSARIES: Braydon Tucci, Rocco Catanzariti, Daminh Nguyen Van Ly, Maria Doan Thi Thanh. Beryl & Gordon Uren, Quang Chi Tieu.

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.

Vocation View

Strangers come to Philip with the simple request: "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." In your actions and words, are you able to show the love of Christ to the stranger in your midst? (John 12:21)



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 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.

24-25 March 2018

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

			Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Lyette Almeida	Dulanga Tissera	Yvonne Jose	Mary's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	John Ho	Quang Son Ho	HoaTon	St. Cecilia's
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Nam Tran	Sr Joan	Robert Brennan	-
	9:30am	CTK	Natalie Perez	Leonie Pham	Rosaline Raymundo, Jim Proctor & Lan-Anh Tuyet	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Albert Agbamey	Austin Leong	Lorraine D'Silva & Kata Vasilj	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	OL				Nu Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Kathe Casas	Kelly Maglalang	Lorraine Rodrigues	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Frank Unger	Benedict Alvares	William Napiza & Teresa Napiza	Himi Filipino

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1-15:47



PROJECT COMPASSION

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

FOR A JUST FUTURE

10TH 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



Ditoso lives in Mozambique. She was first featured in Project Compassion 2013 when she was just 12 years old and had lost both her parents to AIDS-related illnesses.

Caritas Australia helped Ditoso, her aunt and her grandmother build a new home and assisted with transport, school materials and fees, to help Ditoso to stay at school

Ditoso has now graduated from school and hopes to go to university to become a police officer. She loved school and is ambitious for the future.

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

"I will be their God and they shall be my people."

- Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us.

stewardship

St. John's Church

Presbytery \$121.40
Church \$288.70

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$1,082.20
Church \$1,743.70

Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$570.20
Church \$737.50

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.

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

SCHOOLS

St. John's Catholic School

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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

Jesus was a Jew

On Thursday 7th March, Dr Rose Marie Prosser gave the third Scripture series to a group of parishioners of the Holy Family Parish.

We heard a lecture on Catholic Church History. She talked about how the Church had gone through times of great challenge in 6 phases. It had developed and changed through each phase. The Catholic religion has its roots from Judaism. Jesus was a Jew and He died a Jew. It was only after His death and through his apostles' (who were also practicing Jews) spreading Jesus' message that the early Christian movement began. The followers of Jesus viewed themselves as a reform movement within Judaism.

Dr Prosser provided interesting events in the history of Roman Catholicism that brought about the other branches/divisions of the church into Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic branches. Key events like having 2 Popes, etc. (situated in Rome and Constantino-ple) provided animated discussion on the conflicts within the Roman and Eastern orthodox branches of the Catholic Church.

Martin Luther, King Henry VIII, The First Vatican Council, The Second Vatican Council.....these were the few topics discussed during the lecture.

We are all looking forward to the final Scripture series on Thursday 22nd March. All are welcome.

- Imelda Chua



Holy Family Parish Men's Group

Meets once every 2 weeks. Next meeting is at 10am on Saturday 24 March at the convent next to St John's Primary School in Essex Street, West Footscray.

New Members are welcome to attend.

For more details please contact Stan (0420209454) or Benedict (0402588670).

ROSTER Church Clean Up

Our Lady's
(Maidstone)

11-17 March
Thi Cuc Vu

18-24 March
K. Nguyen

25 March – 1 April
Legion of Mary



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