



# The Holy Family

## PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

The Second Sunday of Advent reminds us that the ancient promises are going to be fulfilled here and now. Together with John the Baptist, let us be ready and prepare the way of the Lord. May we acknowledge our sinfulness and our pride, and be pure and blameless for the day of the Lord is near at hand.

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

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

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Alleluia: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Prayer: Lord, hear our prayer.

## ADVENT IS A MOMENT OF JOY AND GLADNESS

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

How many times in your life have you ever desired to be called? Maybe you waited upon a favourable response after a hopeful job interview? Perhaps you have auditioned for a play or school musical or tried out for an athletic team, and you waited on pins and needles for that affirming call from a director or coach, "You're in!" What excitement you felt when you received the call from someone who affirmed your worth!

This Sunday, too, is moment of joy and gladness. You are invited to receive a wonderful call. Advent is about the coming of Jesus as our Saviour. He calls to us and reaches out to us, down to us, drawing us closer to Himself. Advent invites us to prepare ourselves to hear the glorious call and for the world to receive the Saviour.

The Prophet Baruch reminds us that God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company. Probably it is difficult for us to sense this message in our hearts. We are Israel, you and I. God is calling us to follow Him, in joy by the light of His glory. We can only know this by faith in the Lord. We Christians are invited to answer His call through belief in Jesus and to believe that Jesus has come for the salvation of the world through His Advent. Our faith in the call, Christ's coming into the world, and that it has changed the world is challenged daily. Through news channels, the internet, and social media we absorb sometimes horrid news about pain, suffering and death and we wonder — where is God? Abject poverty, terrorism, hate crimes, and abuses of all forms shake our faith. We persevere in His Advent, our faith hard-wearing. Despite these terrible setbacks and disappointments and losses, early Christians acknowledged, and modern-day Christians reaffirm, His call to the light of His Glory.

Saint Paul in his Letter to the Philippians acknowledges his confidence in the Advent glory working through those who believe in Christ. He who began a good work in us will continue to complete it until the day of His return. We are called to live in that same faith, with complete confidence.

The Gospel today from Saint Luke puts the figure of John the Baptist in front of us. John calls us to repent and await the coming Messiah. Like John, you and I are called to be a "voice crying in the wilderness," calling out that God is present, and that God is here for the salvation of the world. We should be able to proclaim from the depth of our hearts: all flesh shall see the salvation of God. My dear friends, we are called to be witnesses that God has touched our lives and has come expressly for the salvation of our world. The call of salvation is here in our midst. Let us live in faith and confidence: God will complete His work. And, let us live our lives in this Advent season, and beyond, in a way as to more fruitfully receive His call.





## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Dallimore Family.  
Birthday and Thanksgiving for Barbara Protacio.

### Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Berry Westgarth

ANNIVERSARIES: Vincente, Paul Tran, Ly Anh, Maria My Tran, Lam Hai, Emmanuel Muscat.

### 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.

### Next Week's Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-18  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:10-18

## Vocation View

*Second Sunday of Advent*  
**Who, today, is willing to make ready the way of the Lord, to clear Him a straight path? Good, I prayed you would.**



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**  
**Our Lady's Large Hall 7.00-9.00pm**

### 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Our Parish will have a celebration of the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for the Vietnamese:

### Vietnamese

Tuesday,  
11th Dec 2018 at 7:00pm



## 15-16 December 2018

## MINISTRIES & SERVICES

			Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Jerese Sawadan	Joward Sawadan	Agnes Attard	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	Guillermo Narsilio	Thanh Le & Hong Le	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	CTK		Loan Vu	Hoa Ton	Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Kelly Maglalang	Kimberly Lam	Kathe Casas	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Julietta Uy	Hung Lam	Benedict Alvares	Coro di Dio

# Joy & Generosity

Two years ago, I had a significant birthday. I asked friends and family to instead of giving me gifts, to donate money to St. Anthony's Boys Village in Davao City (SABV-Davao), located in the Southern Island (Mindanao) of the Philippines. (1,476 Km from Manila)

It was highly likely that my altruistic desire was fuelled by my longing to experience joy in my life. My friends and family were generous. I've raised over \$2000.00, which was enough to for an orphaned, abandoned or extremely poor boy to be schooled, housed and fed for a year. I felt happy. But did I feel joyful?

I read somewhere that happiness is an "event" feeling. A feeling you feel or experience in a given event in your life, like birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, weddings, new job, new car....the list goes on. Events come and go, as is the feeling of happiness.

What about joy? Richard Rohr says that there are eight pillars of Joy. Four were qualities of the mind: *perspective, humility, humour, and acceptance*. Four were qualities of the heart: *forgiveness, gratitude, compassion, and generosity*. He then talks about generosity of spirit, which when practised, we are practicing all eight pillars of Joy.

Two weeks ago, my partner and I had the privilege of visiting the boys at SABV-Davao. The only regret I had was that I didn't visit them sooner. Fr Ronald Masilang, RCJ (Director) invited us to spend time with the boys and toured us around to see the school and facilities.

We stayed for dinner where we provided Tim Tams and ice cream for dessert. The boys rarely have dessert so this was a special treat for them. There was not an abundance of food but it was shared with smiles that could fill an empty stomach and satisfy your whole being.

After dinner, there was a presentation by the

boys. One of the boys was celebrating a birthday and he sang a song while playing the guitar. Good wishes were exchanged and the boy thanked his fellow interns. I could feel the happiness beaming through the room, despite these boys having experienced hardships in their young lives, mostly through diseases called poverty, rejection and abandonment.

The boys thanked us for being there by singing to us some Christmas Carols. They have been practising Christmas songs so that they can visit homes that will welcome them to sing and make a small donation. It's one way for SABV-Davao to raise much needed funds for their daily expenses. The village relies on donations from benefactors. They do not receive any government funding.

They were cheerful and giving their all in their singing and dancing! I was so overwhelmed that I joined them! Their generosity of spirit is infectious to say the least. Again, did I experience joy?

Richard Rohr talks about people who have a desire to help others who are in need. He calls this a generosity that is "wise-selfish", a generosity that recognises helping others as helping ourselves.

Yes, I experienced joy. I am experiencing joy. A wise-selfish joy. After seeing, experiencing and spending time with the boys at SABV Davao, I know that my pledge to help them in any way I can, it is ultimately my way of discovering my own joy. A joy that comes from a loving God who wants me to experience joy and excitement in the sharing and caring for others.

- Mel Chua

*"And this is my prayer:  
that your love may  
increase ever more and  
more in knowledge and  
every kind of perception,  
to discern what is of  
value..."*

- PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

## stewardship

### St. John's Church

Presbytery	\$143.85
Church	\$216.55

### Our Lady's Church

Presbytery	\$1,009.75
Church	\$1,515.45

### Christ the King Church

Presbytery	\$893.30
Church	\$1,330.05

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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principal@ctkbraybrook.catholic.edu.au

### Caroline Chisholm Catholic College

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## CONTACT INFORMATION CHURCHES

### Christ the King Church

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### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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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  
Hospital Pastoral Associate

Huong Nguyen & Tram Nguyen  
Secretaries

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# Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

## DONATIONS TO THE GROTTO PROJECT

Thank you very much for the donations to our Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Date	Name	Amount
02.12.2018	Previous Subtotal	\$3,950.00
03.12.2018	Nguyen Thi Mo	\$500.00
03.12.2018	Truong Family	\$1,000.00
03.12.2018	Anonymous	\$300.00
03.12.2018	Anonymous	\$200.00
03.12.2018	Anna Pham	\$100.00
04.12.2018	Anonymous	\$100.00
04.12.2018	Anonymous	\$100.00
05.12.2018	Peter Nguyen	\$400.00
05.12.2018	Tran Thi Nguyet	\$100.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,750.00</b>



We would like to reiterate our appeal for your participation in our Fund Drive for the building of a Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Maidstone. We are hoping to raise 40,000.00 for the project. Our heartfelt gratitude for those who have already given their help.



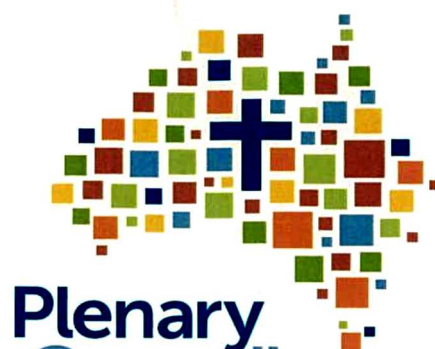
*This week's events*

<b>MONDAY</b> 10.30 am	<b>10th December</b> Italian Prayer Group O/L
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7.00 pm	<b>11th December</b> 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Vietnamese O/L
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7.00 pm	<b>12th December</b> Novena/Mass O/L
<b>FRIDAY</b> 6.30 pm	<b>14th December</b> Exposition & Adoration CTK
<b>SUNDAY</b> 3.00 pm	<b>16th December</b> Vietnamese Mass CTK



Special Collections for  
Melbourne Overseas Missions

We have a special collection this weekend for the Melbourne Overseas Mission. This year, the MOM would like to direct your help to their projects in Papua New Guinea.



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



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## Calendars & Christmas Cards

Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards are now available. Columban Calendars are \$7 each and St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards are \$2 per pack of five. For those interested, please contact Greg at 0403 613 745

## Cleaning Roster Our Lady's (Maidstone)

9-15 December  
Thi Cuc Vu

16-22 December  
K. Nguyen

23-29 December  
Legion of Mary



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)