



# The Holy Family

## PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

As Jesus inaugurates his mission in Nazareth, the people in his town, though amazed at his gracious words, question his claim because he is just one of them, being the son of Joseph. They are furious when Jesus cites two examples of how God sent great prophets to non-Israelites. True acceptance and following of Jesus involve openness to the Spirit's call to search our hearts. In Jesus, the love of God is offered to all, not only to a few people.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19

Response: I will sing of your salvation.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Alleluia: The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Prayer: Lord, listen to our prayer.

## Worship and Prejudice

- Fr. Gerald Binegas, RCJ

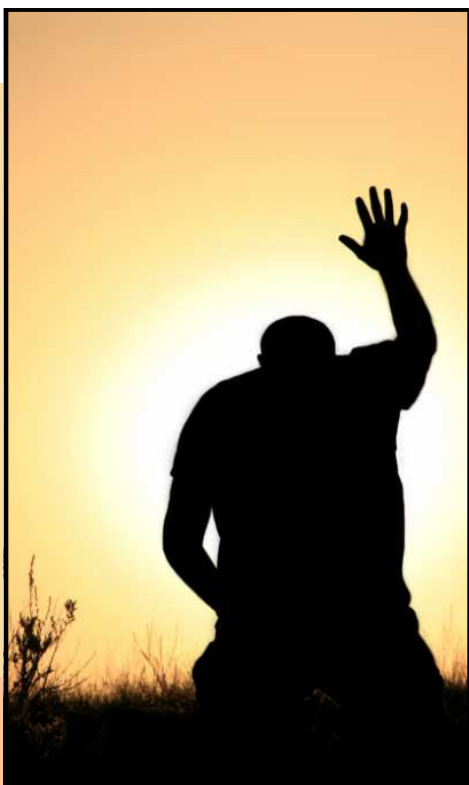
The scene in the synagogue that Sabbath seems pretty disturbing; a people who have come for worship turn angry to the extent of intending to throw Jesus off a cliff. What is it that made them so angered? He had reminded them of a low point in their history, when God punished the people of Israel with a famine, but then saved a Gentile widow. Jesus had also reminded them of God's mercy towards a Gentile named Naaman. Naturally his message was a shocker and just the opposite of they wanted to hear.

Some truths are often bitter. We too may be angered or agitated when someone tells us a truth that we don't want to hear. Had Jesus glorified the Jews and told them that they were God's exclusively privileged people, he would probably have received bouquets instead of brickbats, appreciation rather than criticism. But he chose to call a spade a spade. In effect, Jesus declared that God has no favourites, that there are no privilege cardholders to receiving love and compassion, that all are equal shareholders of God's love no matter who we are, where we come from and whatever our socio-economic status. We don't earn divine favour by the titles we hold but receive it freely from the unconditional love of God for us. In the second reading, St. Paul too speaks of the primacy of love.

What happened in the synagogue happens even today in some of our churches and communities. We may carry prejudices with us into our places of worship, and if we do, we shut our minds off to the message God wants to give us. Our prejudice can be against the very priest or preacher who addresses us, against some in the congregation, the choir, the readers or other church helpers, or against the hierarchic Church as such. A prejudiced mind will never sit comfortably in Church and will never find fulfillment in worship or carry the gospel message home.

Mahatma Gandhi wrote that during his student days he began to read the Gospels seriously and even considered embracing Christianity. He believed that in the teachings of Jesus he could find the solution to the caste system that was dividing the people of India. So, one Sunday he decided to attend services at a nearby church and talk to the minister about becoming a Christian. When he entered the sanctuary, however, the usher refused to give him a seat and suggested that he go worship with his own people. Gandhi left the church and never returned. "If Christians have caste differences also," he said, "I might as well remain a Hindu." That usher's prejudice not only betrayed Jesus but also turned a person away from knowing Jesus more closely.

Eckhart Tolle, a spiritual writer, wrote of how prejudice can degrade another human person "Prejudice of any kind implies that you are identified only with the thinking mind. It means you don't see the other human being anymore, but only your own concept of that human being. To reduce the aliveness of another human being to a concept is already a form of violence." Do we take prejudices into our place of worship? Are we prejudiced against individuals or any community? If so, we turn to Jesus for healing we need.



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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Dallimore Family and Lawley Family.

### Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pedro Solis, Antonio Cartujano.

ANNIVERSARIES: Lucia Estosito, Letecia De Castro, Antonetta Carrafa, Felix Brincat.

### Comfort & Healing

Cesare Bettoni, Nip Frogosa, Jack Considine, Rutillo Llovito, Sabrina Janz, Roselyn David, Carozon Robles, Remedios Laplana, 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, Pat Roddis, Billy Frankland, Roger Joseph Ochoa, Josephine Grima, Barry Hyett, Loretta Mills, Cassandra O'Keefe, Carmen Micaless.

## 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

The Lord says: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I dedicated you." Always listen to an Old Friend.



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**

### Preparation for 1st 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 28 February 2019.

### Anointing and Healing Mass

We will be holding the annual Anointing and Healing Mass in our Parish on the **14th of February at 11:00 AM**. Please call the parish office if you will be coming for catering purposes.

## 9-10 February 2019

## MINISTRIES & SERVICES

			Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Joward Sawadan	Jeresa Sawadan	Benjamin & Yvonne Jose	Mary's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Theresa Seymour	Catherine Seymour	Coral La'Toille	St. Cecilia's
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Anna Nguyen	Antonietta Pezzano	Kath Crowley	-
	9:30am	CTK	Anna Maria Balauca	William Chu	George Tawaf, Samia Tawaf & Lucy Inocencio	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Hung Lam	Peter Anastasi	Lorraine D'Silva & Guiseppina Genovesi	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	OL				Nu Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Kelly Maglalang	Brendon Sarabia	Helen Delmo	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Julieta Uy	Keith Ocampo	William Napiza & Teri Napiza	Exxemoz

### Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

## Five weeks left for Listening and Dialogue phase of Plenary Council



Plenary Council president Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB says he's expecting another flood of responses from across the country during the final five weeks of the "Listening and Dialogue" phase of the Council. Source: ACBC Media Blog.

In the eight months since the Listening and Dialogue period commenced at Pentecost, more than 40,000 people have either made a submission or participated in a group discussion that culminated in a submission. "Given it's more than 80 years since the last Plenary Council in Australia and given, too, the changes in the Church and society since then, it was impossible to know how many people would take part in this historic process," Archbishop Costelloe said.

"To stand here, five weeks from the end of this pivotal opening phase, it is both exciting and humbling to have heard from such large numbers of people and for them to have shared their stories of faith and hope, but also their stories of despair and heartbreak.

"Each of those stories is valuable and meaningful. So will be the stories we receive between now and Ash Wednesday."

Lana Turvey-Collins, the Plenary Council facilitator, said the Christmas period, as expected, saw another spike in the number of responses.

### Parish Plenary Meeting – Sharing and Listening Session 3.0

Have you attended a sharing and listening session? If not, this is your chance. If you have, you are also very welcome!! Spread the news!! Bring a friend or two!!

Everyone is invited to the third and final Plenary Council Sharing and Listening session will be held at the Small Hall on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Refreshments will start at 6:30 pm and meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, REFLECTION AND ACTION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Thursday 7 February, 6.30–8.30pm

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

On the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita of Sudan, the Church marks the International Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action against Human Trafficking. Last year, the Victoria-Tasmania Catholic Anti-Slavery Working Group was created with ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) and the dioceses of Victoria and Tasmania. Its goal is to finally end the scourge of modern-day slavery in our communities. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, the South Sudanese Catholic Community and the broader community will mark this important day with Holy Hour at 6.30pm followed by the Vigil Mass of St Josephine Bakhita at 7.30pm. Enquiries: [justice@cam.org.au](mailto:justice@cam.org.au)

Download Holy Hour flyer here: <https://bit.ly/2RsNBZa>

Download Vigil Mass flyer here: <https://bit.ly/2AOzrqP>

"Love is patient, love is kind.  
It is not jealous, it is not  
pompous."

-1 Corinthians 13:4

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Pray to become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered".

## stewardship

### St. John's Church

Presbytery	\$127.10
Church	\$177.50

### Our Lady's Church

Presbytery	\$1,216.45
Church	\$1,765.60

### Christ the King Church

Presbytery	\$649.00
Church	\$766.60

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@sjfootscray.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sjfootscray.catholic.edu.au)

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[principal@ctkbraybrook.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@ctkbraybrook.catholic.edu.au)

### Caroline Chisholm Catholic College

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## CONTACT CHURCHES

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### St. John the Evangelist Church

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Parish Priest

Fr. Gerald Biñegas, RCJ  
Assistant Priest

Sr. Helen Robinson, RSJ  
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Huong Nguyen & Tram Nguyen  
Secretaries

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# Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!



In celebration of the Lunar New Year,  
we will have a Mass on Monday, 4th of February 2019 at  
Our Lady's Church in Maidstone at 7:00pm.

Nhân dịp Tết Nguyên Đán, chúng ta sẽ có Thánh Lễ vào Thứ Hai, ngày 04  
tháng 02 năm 2019 tại Nhà thờ  
Our Lady's—Maidstone vào lúc 7:00 pm

## DONATIONS TO THE GROTTO PROJECT

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

Date	Name	Amount
<b>28.01.2019</b>	<b>Weekly Subtotal</b>	<b>\$21,270.00</b>
29.01.2019	Nga Do	\$500.00
28.01.2019	Paul&Teresa Timpano	50.00
28.01.2019	Anonymous	100.00
28.01.2019	Anonymous	100.00
28.01.2019	Nita & Matthew	200.00
28.01.2019	Anonymous	50.00
29.01.2019	Angelina De Castro	\$500.00
29.01.2019	Vietnamese Legion of Mary—Maidstone group	1,500.00
31.01.2019	Anonymous	2,000.00
31.01.2019	Anonymous	50.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,320.00</b>



We would like to encourage our  
Parishioners to participate in our  
Donation Appeal for the building  
of a Grotto of Our Lady of  
Lourdes in Maidstone. We are  
hoping to raise around forty  
thousand dollars for the project.  
Our Church is high and in  
proportion, the grotto should be

around 5.4 meters high. We are hoping to improve the reverential atmosphere in our Church  
favorable for prayer and meditation and improve the aesthetics of our surroundings. The project  
includes water cascading from the feet of the image of Our Lady into a small pond.

## This week's events

<b>MONDAY</b> 10.00 am 7.00 pm	<b>4th February</b> Italian Prayer Group O/L Vietnamese New Year Mass O/L
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7.00 pm	<b>6th February</b> Novena/Mass O/L
<b>SUNDAY</b> 3.00 pm	<b>10th February</b> Vietnamese Mass O/L

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## Cleaning Roster Our Lady's (Maidstone)

**10-16 February**  
Thi Cuc Vu

**17- 23 February**  
K. Nguyen

**24 Feb- 2 March**  
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:  
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