



# The Holy Family PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

Today's readings illustrate how God chooses his ministers. He reserves a special place for those who acknowledge their unworthiness. Knowing their call is a pure gift from the Lord, God's servants then remain humble. May this celebration enkindle in us the desire to respond to God's call to service.

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8

Response: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Alleluia: Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Prayer: Listen to the prayer of your Church, Lord.



## Fishers of People

The disciples in the gospel story today have spent the whole night "toiling and had caught nothing." As professional fishermen, they must have been disappointed. Fishing in the right places at the right time, they should have seen big results from their labors; but no! Still, now they had a tale to tell afterwards, but the story had much deeper implications for them and for others.

Jesus had been preaching to the crowd and, because of their great number, they crowded him further towards the waters of the Sea of Galilee. To alleviate the situation, Jesus stepped into Simon's boat and asked him to go out a bit from the shore. There he preached to the people from the boat in the shallow waters. Afterwards, he turned to Simon, "go out into the deep water and lower the nets for a catch".

Simon the pro fisherman, must have resisted the request because he had just done battle with the sea and had caught nothing. But this "fish story" had a much fuller meaning soon to be discovered: they caught a great number of fishes so that their nets were bursting.

In astonishment they call to their companions in another boat to come and help them contain their enormous catch. Simon falls to his knees before Jesus and announces, "depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." To this proclamation Jesus reply promises, "do not be afraid from now on you will be catching people."

What stands out in the story is a two-fold blessing Jesus invites the fishermen to notice., captured by the words out into the deep and do not be afraid. Going out into the "deep" implies not simply the deeper waters of the Lake, but so much more. For the disciples, and us the "deep" is a metaphor for things greater than the depth of the sea; it's an invitation to throw one's whole self into the call Jesus sends out to the fishermen. That call is extended as a blessing to all faithful Christians from the disciples' time to our present day.

The "do not be afraid" message is much more than simply a consoling word Jesus says to his special new set of friends. Afraid of what? It doesn't matter! The point is that Jesus is with us (along with Simon and his pals). Ultimately, we need not be afraid since Jesus' promise will make all the difference in the world.

Our call into service is a call to trust in Jesus' promise, that despite my status paralleling Simon Peter's "I am a sinful man," I too am invited to give in to following him more closely. What a joy! We are fishers "of people" like the disciples.

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Dallimore Family and Lawley Family, Peter Nguyen, thanksgiving and praying for all souls.

### Eternal Repose

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Fr. Ciro Quaranta, Emeterio Tagabi.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Nancy Rattino, Irene & Fred & Brian Galliot, Beryl, Gordon Uren, Davin Chan, Irene Shaw, John & Ann Kennedy, James & George & William Thompson, Margaret Mills, Nicholas & Stan Seymour, Marie Rayner, John Caldwell, Stephen Cahill.

### 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 Micallef.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

God does not ask you to be successful: God does ask you to be faithful. Put your vocation ahead of your career.



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.

**16-17 February 2019**

## MINISTRIES & SERVICES

Comntr				Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Jeresa Sawadan	Joward Sawadan	Benjamin & Yvonne Jose	Mary's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Rose Thomas	Lucy Inocencio	Bich Hoa, Nina Bartolo, Shane Caldwell	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 Nasillo	Thanh Le & Hong Le	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	CTK		Loan Vu		Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Brendon Sarabia	Kelly Maglalang	Helen Delmo	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Frank Unger	Hung Lam	Benedict Alvares	Coro di Dio

### Next Week's Readings

Jeremiah 17:5-8  
1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20  
Luke 6:17,20-26



# Don't delay - Plenary submissions close soon

By Brooke Robinson

Time is running out for submissions to be made for the Plenary Council.

Individual and group submissions must be made by 6 March answering the question "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Ash Wednesday, 6 March, will mark the end of stage one - the Open Listening And Dialogue stage.

The second stage will begin after Easter, with Easter Sunday on 21 April.

The Plenary Council Facilitation team will discern the emergent themes from all of the stories that have been shared during the Open Listening And Dialogue stage, and then move into Dialogue And Discernment.

In early 2020, the draft Plenary Council papers written during the discernment stage will provide an opportunity for the final stage of preparation: Dialogue And Formation. In this stage Australians will read and learn, speak with one another, reflect, take time to listen deeply to the emergent questions and themes, and continue to grapple with what future God is calling us toward. The stories shared during the Open Listening And Dialogue stage will have shaped the program and the discernment of the Plenary Council.

These three steps of preparation lead up to the Plenary Council, which will begin with the first Council session in October 2020.

Topics that have been frequently raised in submissions so far include leadership and governance within the Church, the place and role of women, the importance of young people, the living tradition, liturgy and music, the priesthood and other vocations, inclusion and welcome, the sacramental life of the Church, ecology and creation, and social justice.

At the end of 2018, over 31,000 people had already shared their stories with the Plenary Council. There are many more people in Australia that still need to have their say. Don't let the opportunity go by!

Holy Family Parish has held two Sharing and Listening Sessions which enabled parishioners to join in the first stage of the Plenary Council. Details of the third and final session of the Sharing and Listening Session as per below.

## Holy Family 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 Our Lady's Small Hall on Thursday 21st February.

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

Hope to see you there.



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

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'"  
- Isaiah 6:8

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

## stewardship

### St. John's Church

Presbytery	\$132.15
Church	\$208.20

### Our Lady's Church

Presbytery	\$991.35
Church	\$1,247.00

### Christ the King Church

Presbytery	\$937.10
Church	\$1,152.30

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  
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  
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## 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

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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
03.02.2019	Weekly Subtotal	\$27,470.00
06.02.2019	GK Martino & Khan Van Bui-Nguyen Thi Phuc	200.00
06.02.2019	Anonymous	200.00
08.02.2019	Anonymous	500.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,370.00</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.



## Volunteer Tutoring St Albans

Edmund Rice Community and Refugee Services is looking for volunteers to help primary students with homework, preparing food, organising materials and joining in with fun activities on Tuesdays 3.00pm-5.00pm at St Albans. We provide training, opportunities for added responsibilities and volunteer recreation days. We also welcome university student placements. Please contact Helen O'Keefe on 0466 954 747 for further information.

## Silent Directed Retreat

14 - 21 November at the Holy Cross Centre, Templestowe

The silent directed retreat is a privileged time when we can tune out the noise and distractions of our regular routines in order to more intentionally focus on our relationship with God. We offer you a beautiful environment, silence and daily spiritual direction in which you can rest and reconnect to the source of life. It may also be possible to make a shorter retreat during this time. To find out more contact [enquiries@kardia.com.au](mailto:enquiries@kardia.com.au).

## Heart Wisdom for Teachers

Kardia Formation is offering teachers a day of reflection and gentle dialogue, designed to nurture personal identity, vocation and mission framed in the broad context of relationship with God. Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, 10 am - 3.30 pm. To find out more contact [enquiries@kardia.com.au](mailto:enquiries@kardia.com.au).

## FOUNDATIONS

### IN YOUTH MINISTRY CAMP: CORE

Friday 22 to Sunday 24 February  
Don Bosco Camp, 52-62 Dromana Parade,  
Safety Beach

The Archdiocesan Office for Youth invites all new youth ministers (1-3 years' experience) to join us for a camp to build foundations in leadership, ministry and the life of Christ. This camp will allow you to learn practical skills in planning and running all aspects of youth ministry as well as an opportunity to meet others in the same role as you.

**Cost:** \$85 including all meals and accommodation

**Enquiries:** [aoy@cam.org.au](mailto:aoy@cam.org.au)

**Registrations:** [www.trybooking.com/YSJJ](http://www.trybooking.com/YSJJ)

## This week's events

<b>MONDAY</b> 10.00 am	<b>11th February</b> Italian Prayer Group O/L
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7.00 pm	<b>12th February</b> PPC Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7.00 pm	<b>20th February</b> Novena/Mass O/L
<b>SUNDAY</b> 3.00 pm	<b>17th February</b> Vietnamese Mass CTK

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



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