

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

We know that if we plant a seed, in time it will grow to be a big tree that bears abundant fruit and serves as a leafy home to birds. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that this is how the reign of God works in our lives and in the world. Its beginning is rather small, but given time, it grows into something big.

1st Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Response: Lord, it is good to give

thanks to you.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

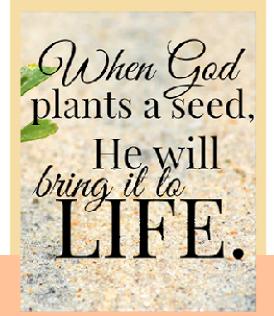
Alleluia: The seed is the word of

God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will

live for ever.

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Prayer: Lord, listen to our prayer.



Christ sees the Church as a Kingdom, not as a Club

Christ's favourite topic, it could be argued, was "the Kingdom of God." His first public sermon began with "The Kingdom of God is at hand," and from then on he kept talking about it, as in today's Gospel. If there is a Kingdom, there must also be a King, and if there is a King, there must be subjects. That's how he sees the Church, as a Kingdom, not merely as some kind of club.

Today we can ask ourselves if that's how we see Church. When we pray, "Thy Kingdom come," do we mean the same thing that Jesus meant when he taught us that prayer?

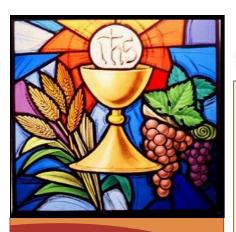
God's Kingdom is the realm where hearts obey him out of faith and love. The kingdom of this world is the realm where hearts obey themselves out of self-centeredness, egoism, and fear. If we really want to help Christ redeem the kingdom of this world by transforming it, through his grace, into the Kingdom of Christ, we have to keep hearkening to the King and carrying out his commands, even when they are uncomfortable for our selfish tendencies.

Obeying someone else, though, is almost always a challenge for us sinners. Jesus knows this, and so he doesn't ask us for blind, mindless obedience. He uses parables to explain and promise that by following and obeying him, our lives will be fruitful.

The virtues that give true, lasting beauty to our lives, that give our lives meaning and deep happiness (virtues like wisdom, courage, self-control, and Christ-like love), are like the seeds in the Lord's parables. They are planted in our hearts at baptism, and as we follow and obey Christ in our daily lives, they grow and flourish.

Being good citizens of Christ's Kingdom is the sure path to an abundant spiritual harvest here on earth and forever in heaven.

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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 pm³

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.
- Mass in Filipino is held at Our Lady's Church every 1st Saturday and third Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm.
- The Wednesday evening Mass incorporates the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66,80



Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Birthday Intentions of: Suzette Fernandez, Marie-Claire

Eternal Repose

<u>RECENTLY DECEASED</u>: Jack Kennedy, Fr. Enrique Raveza III, Ettore Bongiovanni, Salvatrice Gissara, Gaye Torney.

ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick Le'Toille, Leanne Plumridge, James Thompson, Allan Shaw, Jeanet D'Souza, Cyril D'Souza, Maria Filippone, Richard Brown.

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, Leone Morganti, Jamie Dumapias, Cesar Banzon, Sydonia Maslanyk, Margaret Horley, Marie Henwood, Maria Ta Thi Hue, Leonie Drayton, Pauline Drayton, Allan Arias, Lawrie Green, Trevor Gonsalvez, Billy Frankland, Dominador Dacaldacal, Adelaide Frankson, Carmen Micaleff.

Vocation View

"Lord, it is good to give thanks to You." Our life is one of gratitude for the many gifts that God has given. What are the gifts God has given to you, uniquely; and how is He asking you to share those gifts with the Church and the world? (Psalm 92)



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



Preparation for children who do not go to a Catholic School and are interested to prepare for their First Holy Communion will commence on the 9th of August at 5:00pm at the Parish Office. Children attending the classes must be accompanied by an adult.

Antonio Sobredo &

Rose Sobredo

Mary's Choir

30 June-1 July 2018

6:30pm

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MINISTRIES & SERVICES

Julieta Uy

			Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	Lynette Heasly	Lyette Almeida	Agnes Attard	Our Lady's Choir
	6:30pm	СТК	Catherine Seymour	Theresa Seymour	Tuyen Nguyen & Nina Bartolo	St. Cecilia's
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Charles Budiman	Nam Tran	Kath Crowley	-
	9:30am	СТК	Evelyn Ronquillo	Kristine Nguyen	Julia Alcantara, Jim Proctor & Nigsty Tedla	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Claire Lawson	Paul Handley	Christine Mullan & Fred Lipana	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	СТК		Nguyen Thai Pham		Trinh Vuong
	5:00pm	СТК	Kathe Casas	Brendon Sarabia	Dudley Rodrigues	Mother Teresa

Lesley Pace

PRAYER CHAIN FOR VOCATIONS: LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Wednesday 20 June, 9am-5pm Little Sisters of the Poor, 112B St Georges Road, Northcote

You are invited to join the Little Sisters of the Poor at any time during the day as the community spends a day in prayer for vocations. A chain Rosary will commence at 9am and the Eucharist will be celebrated at 11am, followed by Adoration until the 4.30pm. Rosary recitation and closing prayer and blessing will be at 5pm. Visitors are welcome to join the Sisters in prayer throughout the day.

Details: 9489 8444

COLUMBAN MISSION LECTURES

Wednesday 20 June, 7.30–10pm Cardinal Knox Lecture Theatre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne (enter from Lansdowne Street)

In these two lectures under the banner 'Mission today and tomorrow', Columbans Fr Noel Connolly (on 'The Columban missionary contribution to the Australian Church') and Rev. Dr Patrick McInerny (on 'Mission and evangelisation for our day') will discuss the role of mission in both the contemporary Church and the future Church, with an emphasis on Christian presence, the Church's work for justice, liturgy and prayer, proclamation and catechesis, and stewardship of creation.

Cost: Free

Bookings and RSVP: www.columban.org.au/

centenary-events

Details: 9375 9475 or info@columban.org.au

CATHOLIC FRIENDSHIP 40+: LUNCH IN GLEN IRIS

Sunday 24 June, 1–3pm Giorgios Restaurant, corner High Street and Glenferrie Road, Malvern

Melbourne Catholic Friendship 40+ (formerly Solo Catholics) invites you to a delicious

Sunday lunch at Giorgios. The group holds regular social events and faith-based talks at different venues across Melbourne where people can meet, socialise and form lasting friendships. All welcome.

Details and bookings: Simon on 0418 302 046



Our fervent prayers and most sincere condolences to the family and friends of Gaye Torney who passed away last Sunday, the 10th of June 2018 in a house fire in West Footscray. Gaye was a member of the Caring Subcommittee of our Pastoral Council.



Let us all pray for her eternal repose!

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body."

- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

We are all accountable for the gifts God has given us — our time, our talent and our treasure. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

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St. John's Church

Presbytery \$90.30 Church \$147.85

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$1,072.45 Church \$1,304.25

Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$614.10 Church \$786.00

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

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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

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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!



Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help

The feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help will be celebrated this year on Saturday, the 23rd of June 2018. This will be preceded with a triduum of prayers commencing on the 20th of June with the Rosary and novena prayers (7pm for Wed, the 20th; 6pm for the 21st and 22nd of June).

On the 23rd of June, we will have a procession at 4:30pm around the Church grounds followed by the 5:00pm Mass and then a Potluck Dinner at the Large Hall.

During the dinner, the various committees of our Parish Pastoral Council will have tables set for inquiries about membership and the activities of their group.



Please note the **LOBOC Children's Choir** concert though free admission necessitates a booking, either individually or as a group. Please call Chona 0431 379 743 or Susan 0415 512 108 for bookings.

The <u>Annual Clergy Conference</u> of the Archdiocese of Melbourne is slated on June 18 -21 in Torquay. In this regard, there will be no morning Masses in Braybrook and Maidstone on **20 & 21 June, 2018.**

On Monday, 9 July 2018, the morning Mass in Maidstone will be at 9:00am.









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 or visit our website at www.hfp.org.au