



The Holy Family

PARISH COMMUNITY

WEEKEND BULLETIN

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to look into our hearts. His answer to those who would condemn the woman caught in adultery applies also to us: He who has no sin be the first to cast a stone. We may be better off than other people, but not because we are less of a sinner than they. It is because we are not exposed for what we are. But God sees into our hearts, and tells us not to condemn easily because we, too, are in need of his forgiveness.

1st Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

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

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel

Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Prayer: Lord, our Saviour, listen to our prayer.



Mercy & Forgiveness

One of God's **main policies** in governing the universe is that he always **gives us another chance**.

It may seem **strange** to speak of God as having **policies**. But if a policy is a **consistent** way of behaving in the face of specific circumstances, God's habit of giving us another chance definitely qualifies.

This is what the prophet Isaiah tells us. Through him, God explains: "Remember not the events of the past... see, I am doing something new!" God is **inviting his people** to look **to the future with hope**.

At the time Isaiah was writing, the people of Israel were living in exile, as second-class citizens in Babylon. They had been unfaithful to God, and as a result, Jerusalem had long ago been conquered and its inhabitants scattered and enslaved. Naturally speaking, there was little room for hope.

But in the midst of that situation, **God reminds** them that he has done wonders for his people in the past, and **promises** to do so again. It's God's **policy** to give his people **another chance**, to **bring them back** from exile even though they don't really deserve it.

Jesus follows the same policy with the adulterous woman.

Notice that **he doesn't ignore or excuse** her sin - he acknowledges it and actually tells her to "go and sin no more." But at the same time, **he doesn't condemn her**. He gives her **another chance**.

It's a good thing God follows this policy. Otherwise, which one of us could have any **hope**? Otherwise, God would have to destroy us all. After all, aren't **we just like the Pharisees** - quick to condemn others, but in truth, guilty of hidden sin ourselves?

Giving us another chance is one of God's **main policies**.

It's called **mercy**. It's called **forgiveness**. It's called **real love** in a sinful, fallen world.

In the spirit of Lent, our Parish Bulletin will come out in monochrome to help us remember that we are in a penitential atmosphere during this Season. The coloured copies will resume during Easter.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Dallimore Family and Lawley Family

Eternal Repose

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pacita Martinez, Lucia Huynh Thi Kim Hue, Giuse Pham Ba Hoan, Pacita Martinez, Mary Del Mastro.
ANNIVERSARIES: Sylvia Braden, Caterina Meddis, Maria Nguyen Thi Ho, Lucia Nguyen Thi Dinh, Matta Nguyen Thi Tam, Phaolo Nguyen Mai, Catarina, Lucia, Phero Nha, Maria Nguyen Thi Dan, Anna Pham Thi Mua, Daminh Nguyen Van Tao, Gioan Baotixita & Maria, Felix Brincat, Maria Nguyen Thi Ho, Maria Vu Thi Muc, Cecilia Nguyen Thi Dinh.

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, George Tawaf, Denver D'Cruz.

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, 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 ³

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

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 Mass in Filipino is held at Our Lady's Church every 1st Saturday and third Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm.

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

Vocation View

Lent is six weeks of being serious about forgiveness and knowing we are loved. Who will step forward to tell of God's great love for us?



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

During the Lenten season we have two scheduled Penitential Services in Vietnamese and in English.

VIETNAMESE

Thursday, 11 April 2019
Our Lady's Church @ 6:30 PM

ENGLISH

Friday, 12 April 2019
Our Lady's Church @ 6:30 PM



13-14 April 2019

MINISTRIES & SERVICES

			Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
SAT	5:00pm	OL	TBA	TBA	Benjamin & Yvonne Jose	Mary's Choir
	6:30pm	CTK	Quang Son Ho	John Ho	Coral La'Toille & Hoa Ton	St. Cecilia's
SUN	8:00am	SJ	Anna Nguyen	Antioniette Pezzano	Robert Brennan	-
	9:30am	CTK	TBA	TBA	TBA	CTK Church Choir
	10:00am	OL	Paul Handley	Claire Lawson	Lorraine D'Silve & Guiseppina Genovesi	OL Church Choir
	3:00pm	OL				Nu Vuong
	5:00pm	CTK	Kelly Maglalang	Nenita Castillo	Helen Delmo	Mother Teresa
	6:30pm	OL	Julieta Uy	Keith Ocampo	William Napiza & Teri Napiza	EXXEMOZ

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 23:1-49

ADVANCE NOTICE

On the 5th of May 2019 we will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family as Patron of our Parish. In this connection, we would like to come together and celebrate as a community. We are suspending the morning Masses at St. John's in West Footscray and in Christ the King at Braybrook. We would like to invite everyone to join our activities at Our Lady's Church in Maidstone with the Holy Mass commencing at 10:30 AM followed by a procession and light lunch at our large hall. There will be activities and games for kids from 12:00 Noon til 2:30 PM.

Tickets for the Feast Day Dance Party are available at the Parish Office.



2019

Holy Family Parish
**FEAST DAY
DANCE PARTY**

Friday, 3 May 2019
6:30 PM - 11:00 PM
Our Lady's Large Hall
17 Lyons Street
Maidstone

Basket Dinner (BYO Food & Drinks)

\$25.00
No. 001

SCHOOLS

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Caroline Chisholm Catholic College
65 Churchill Ave. Braybrook VIC 3019
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registrar@cccc.vic.edu.au

Wednesday 1 May, 6.30–8.30pm

Palace Kino Cinemas,

45 Collins Street, Melbourne

Talk a little, listen a lot, say just enough, and look everyone in the eye. – Pope Francis

The *Sparks of Beauty* series is back for 2019! The series seeks to enter into dialogue with speakers from a variety of fields—art, science, music, literature, sport—and to celebrate the intersections between faith and life while encouraging a new imagining of Catholic spirituality in 21st century Australia. The first gathering for 2019 will be a film screening of Wim Wenders' film, *Pope Francis: A Man of His Word*, which premiered at the 2018 Cannes Film Festival and was screened as part last year's Melbourne International Film Festival. More than just another documentary of a high profile figure in the world, the film seeks to illustrate what is at the heart of Pope Francis' life and leadership: Christian hope.

Cost: \$30 adult, \$15 student (18 and under), \$100 for a group of five. Ticket includes light supper, popcorn and refreshments.

Bookings: by Monday 22 April to Suzanne Hermon at evangelisation@cam.org.au. Seating is limited so book early!



3rd Collection for PROJECT COMPASSION

As we have done in the past two years, we are again initiating a 3rd collection during the weekend and Special Holiday Masses in favour of *Project Compassion* during the period of Lent. Our Lenten observance of fasting and abstinence will have more meaning if we direct our savings by giving to Project Compassion.

"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..."

- Philippians 3:8

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honor.

stewardship

St. John's Church

Presbytery	\$121.80
Church	\$356.45

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery	\$837.90
Church	\$1,206.80

Christ the King Church

Presbytery	\$778.55
Church	\$1,033.15

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.

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
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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
24.03.2019	Weekly Subtotal	\$41,572.00
30.03.2019	Anonymous	100
04.04.2019	EL	200.00
04.04.2019	Tran Family	100.00
06.04.2019	Carmina Vento	100.00
	Total	42,072.00



This week's events

MONDAY 10.00 am	8th April Italian Prayer Group O/L
TUESDAY 7.00 pm	9th April PPC Meeting
WEDNESDAY 7.00 pm	10th April Novena/Mass O/L
THURSDAY 6.30 pm	11th April 2nd Rite of Reconciliation Vietnamese O/L
FRIDAY 6.30 pm	12th April 2nd Rite of Reconciliation English O/L Exposition and Adoration CTK
SUNDAY 3.00 pm	14th April Vietnamese Mass O/L

Deo Gratias!



THE PLENARY COUNCIL

It covered almost 10 months and culminated in a flurry of late submissions, but the Listening and Dialogue phase of the Plenary Council has yielded a remarkable foundation from which the people of God can move forward.

Late last week, the National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPR) completed the statistical analysis and reported that more than 17,500 submissions had been lodged -- thousands of which represented groups. In all, more than 222,000 people either made an individual submission or participated in a group discussion that culminated in a submission.



Divine Mercy Novena

Beginning Good Friday until
Saturday, 27th of April 2019
we will have the Novena at
Our Lady's Church in Maidstone
at 5:30 pm.

COME JOIN US!

Cleaning Roster Our Lady's (Maidstone)

24-30 March
Thi Cuc Vu

31 March -6 April
K. Nguyen

7-13 April
Legion of Mary



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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



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